

Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources Report to the Trustees UW Board of Trustees January 12th, 2021

The Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources has continued to foster sustainable landscapes and livelihoods by expanding efforts to engage and have impact on the state of Wyoming's needs in environment and natural resource issues.

Strategic Review Summary of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management Degree (ORTM)

- The ORTM degree program completed a comprehensive [strategic review for enhanced or stable investment](#).
- The review outlined strong and growing enrollment, robust employment demand, and solid credit hour generation per FTE.
- The review requested permission to begin developing a proposal for the creation of the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality (WORTH) Center to better support these vital industries in the state.

Recent Enrollment and Graduates

- An online graduation ceremony in December 2020 was considered a success for a remarkable group of students that have persevered through challenging times.
- Anticipated graduation reports show 31 Haub School students plan to be awarded degrees for Fall 2020. This includes 28 undergraduate students and 3 graduate students, and includes students graduating with majors and minors.
- Despite the challenges of our times, Haub School program enrollment remains robust for Spring 2021 (403), about ~7% lower (-28) than Fall 2020 (431), and we continue to work with students to facilitate the return of still more.

Giving and Grant Summary for July - December 2020

- \$2,345,303 in grants/contracts
- \$499,341 in donations/gifts

Ruckelshaus Institute Update

- Released a new report in December titled "Social License for Wyoming's Energy Future: What Do Residents Want?" available at <http://www.uwyo.edu/haub/ruckelshaus-institute/>
 - The report summarizes findings from a 2-year study conducted by senior research scientist Jessica Western that relied on a survey of over 500 Wyoming residents and a follow-up Q-study and interviews with 24 individuals associated with the state's energy industry.
 - The main conclusion is that Wyoming citizens are interested in innovative and all-inclusive solutions.
 - Wyoming citizens value highly scenery, biological diversity, and outdoor recreation opportunities and desire leaders to take external market demands and climate change into consideration in planning for the future.
 - These findings can help leaders and decision makers in the state understand what residents are looking for going forward.

Increased Capacity and Leadership

- Obtained approval for a critical faculty position in Energy and Environmental Policy that is in part privately funded
- Negotiated additional space on campus for developing research and graduate programs
- New Dean John Koprowski assumed leadership of the Haub School on 30 September