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 environmental and natural resource issues. Given the challenges of budgets and the pandemic, we have worked to focus on being entrepreneurial and collaborative and to increase opportunity and accessibility of the Haub School to students on and off campus.

**Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management (ORTM) Degree Program growth:**

* We launched the online Outdoor Guide Certification course through the WyoLearn platform. We presented the course to the Wyoming Outfitters & Guides Association meeting this spring. The non-credit course is about 32 hr and is offered through distance learning.
* We developed the concept of the **Wyoming Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Center** (affectionately coined the **WORTH Center**) and reached out to partners in the College of Business. As requested by President Seidel, we have continued to build out the details to maximize impact if funding can be obtained. The center will be focused on supporting the second largest industry in the state—tourism—and capitalizing on growth of our BS in ORTM that has reached 80 student majors in less than 5 years.

**Opportunities during Challenging Times**

* Proposed the MS in Environment, Natural Resources & Society (up for Board approval at this meeting) that is an unique cohort-based approach to provide leadership and collaborative skills in the context of natural resource and environmental issues, which is of particular value to current professionals interested in expanded skills sets. We anticipate that the program will be self-funding with student tuition paid on external funds. Changes in course offerings and teaching assignments enable us to stand up this program at essentially no cost with financial benefit and positive momentum likely outcomes.
* Added critical new space in the vacant Beta House that enables continued growth.
* The Occidental Endowed Chair in Energy & Environmental Policy search nears finalist stage.

**Spring/Summer 2021 Graduates**

* Current number of anticipated graduates from Haub School academic programs (undergraduate and graduate majors and minors) for Spring-Summer 2021:
  + 45 undergraduates
  + 12 graduate students

**New First Time Students for Fall 2021 – Positive Indicators**

* Current number of First Time (Freshman/Transfer) students enrolled and/or have confirmed a plan to enroll for Fall 2021 and declared in Haub School programs as a primary major:
  + Environmental Systems Science major – 10
  + Environment and Natural Resources major – 17
  + Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management major – 5
  + **33 total**(compared to 25 for 2020, after Orientation)
* Additionally, 373 new incoming first time students have indicated an interest in Haub School programs (ENR Concurrent Major or Minor, Sustainability Minor, and/or Outdoor Leadership Minor) beyond their primary degree program.
  + The admissions application is structured so that students select a primary major. An “Interests” field allows students to select additional interests, including the Haub School ENR major and minors.
  + This high number typically narrows as we communicate with students about interest in declaring or pursuing specific academic programs.
* Two substantial, experience-based scholarship programs are approaching final approval.