



Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources Report to the Trustees UW Board of Trustees November 6, 2020

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.

Increased Capacity and Leadership in ENR

Our ability to deliver on our mission was facilitated by:

- New Dean John Koprowski, on 30 Sept from the University of Arizona
- Jake Hochard, new Assistant Professor of Conservation Economics
- Sara Ghezzi, new Professor of Practice in hospitality, a joint hire with College of Business

Academic Programs

New ideas and building on our strengths continue to drive the Haub School's academic offerings.

- Our Outdoor Recreation & Tourism Management degree continues to grow after graduating the first class in May 2020. ORTM has been selected for a Strategic Program Review by the University in hopes of maximizing influence.
- Minor in Collaborative Practice is new this fall
- ENRS Masters degree, our first stand alone graduate degree, is in final stages of approval
- Haub School Advisory Board fall meeting resulted in continued discussions on engagement in state economic recovery through ORTM, collaborative decision making, and natural resource management.

Ruckelshaus Institute

The Ruckelshaus Institute has many ongoing projects within our focus areas of 1) science & policy communication, 2) applied research, and 3) collaborative solutions. These include:

- New publications describing environment and natural resource research, a newly funded project to quantify natural wealth accounts for Wyoming starting with elk and spreading to other species in the future, and a number of outdoor recreation collaboratives in several Wyoming communities.
- A new initiative to integrating communication, research, collaborative approaches, and community engagement to understand how Wyoming communities deal with economic changes. **A Community-Driven Vision for Wyoming's Future** will elevate voices from impacted communities to understand concerns, projects, and vision for communities to inform future directions to help bring citizens' ideas to the decision-making arena.

Student Services

The student experience is critical to our mission to produce leaders and provide all students the most affordable opportunity for academic success. Success in this mission has enabled the **Haub School to increase our programmatic enrollment over 105% in the last 5 years**. Despite the pandemic and concomitant economic challenges faced by many, **we are happy to report that our enrollments remained at this high level**.

- Advising in fall was focused on working with students to make changes to course plans and answer questions about the myriad COVID-19 changes that occurred at the start of the term.
- The Haub School began formal advising for Spring 2021 registration on October 21. During this time no students have expressly indicated that they do not plan to return in Spring 2021. However, most students have demonstrated an adjustment to increased online learning experiences in the context of a pandemic compared with spring.
- As with prior semesters, Haub School advisors continue to reach out to students of concern and collaborate with other colleagues and units to provide wraparound support wherever possible. The Haub School advising team continues to offer holistic, individualized advising. Building and maintaining relationships with students through advising continues to be one of our central goals. We have been heartened to see those relationships persist and thrive within a primarily remote/ Zoom-based experience since spring.