

## College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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TO:

Office of Graduate and Professional Education

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to disestablish the M.S. degree in Bioresources Engineering

Dear Vice Provost Riordan and Assistant Provost Martin:

I am writing to you regarding the status of Master of Science in Bioresources Engineering degree currently offered by the Department of Bioresources Engineering in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

As you are aware, the faculty of the department and the College voted in the Spring Semester of 2011 to disestablish the Department of Bioresources Engineering and discontinue its undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Only one graduate student is currently enrolled in the M.S. degree program (Rachael Vaicunas) and our intent is to disestablish the M.S. degree as soon as she has completed her degree, expected in 2012.

Consequently, the BREG department and the College recommend that the M.S. degree in Bioresources Engineering be discontinued in accordance with the attached recommendation approved by the department and the CANR Courses and Curriculum Committee on April 13, 2011.

This recommendation has the support of the Dean of the College, Dr. Robin Morgan, who is also copied on this letter.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions.

Sincerely,

William F. Ritter

Chair, Department of Bioresources Engineering

cc: Robin Morgan, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Tom Sims, Deputy Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources