UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. A checklist is available to assist in the preparation of a proposal. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

Submitted by: Titus Awokuse phone number 302-831-1323

Department: Food and Resource Economics email address kuse@udel.edu

Date: 11/21/2011

Action: Department name change

Effective term 12F (use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree (Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: (Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: Department of Applied Economics and Statistics

Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit (if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: (Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor: (Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change: (Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: (Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration:

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter “None”)

Supply support letter from the Library, Dean, and/or Department Chair if needed
(all new majors/minors will need a support letter from the appropriate administrator.)

Please see attached letters of support from chairs for:
Department of Economics, and
Department of Mathematical Sciences

Supply a resolution for all new majors/programs; name changes of colleges, departments, degrees; transfer of
departments from one college to another; creation of new departments; requests for permanent status. See
eexample of resolutions.

Please see attached resolution regarding name change

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revise curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate
education: http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:
(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter “None”)

1. Department of Economics 2. Department of Mathematical Sciences

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):
(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

Our purpose for a name change is to adopt a name that more accurately describes the diverse composition of our
faculty and academic programs. It is not our intention or plan to encroach on the well-defined disciplinary areas of
any other department on campus. In the event of future academic program changes, we intend to inform our
colleagues in other departments (e.g., Economics and Mathematics) that may be potentially affected by such changes.

Past Actions:
The faculty and staff of the Department of Food and Resource Economics have had a series of discussions about the
need for a name change. On October 10, 2011, the faculty voted overwhelmingly (Yes - 17; No - 0, Abstain - 1) in
support of changing the department’s name.

Rationale and Justification:
There are several compelling reasons why the department should now be named "Department of Applied Economics
and Statistics":

1. The Statistics Program moved from the Department of Mathematical Sciences to the Department of Food
and Resource Economics in 2000, yet the name of the department was never changed to reflect this change.
2. Our faculty composition and emphasis is not accurately reflected in the department’s current name. While
faculty members continue to work on economic research related to food systems and natural resources,
much of the research in the department is in applying the techniques and theory of economics to other
areas. Therefore the name of “applied economics” will be more inclusive.
3. In our sub-field, “Applied Economics” is often used to describe teaching, research, and outreach programs
that focus on these three areas of agricultural and food systems: agribusiness management & marketing;
environmental & resource economics, agricultural development & trade.
4. The name change will better position our department in the recruitment of undergraduate and graduate
students nationally and internationally. It will also draw more attention to the innovative and
multidisciplinary research conducted by our faculty.
5. The name of our national association was recently changed from "American Agricultural Economics
Association" to "Agricultural and Applied Economics Association".
6. The national trend in our subfield is to change department names to include the words "Applied Economics"
in the title of many programs. Departments that have made this change include the following:

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Consultation with Related Departments:
Dr. Titus Awokuse, the chair of the Department of Food and Resource Economics consulted with Dr. Saul Hoffman, the chair of the Department of Economics and participated in an Economics Dept. faculty meeting to discuss the name change. After an opportunity to clearly define and clarify our rationale for name change and exploring possible ramifications of the new department name for both our departments, they expressed no objections to moving forward with our plans.

In addition, Dr. Titus Awokuse also consulted with the Dr. John Pelesko, chair of the Department of Mathematical Sciences regarding the department name change and solicited their input and support. After consulting with his faculty, John Pelesko provided a letter of support that strongly endorsed the proposed name change.

The proposed name change will not affect the name of our academic majors, which are quite well differentiated from the majors offered by UD’s Department of Economics’ undergraduate and graduate degrees. For example, we will continue to have the following majors:

- Food and Agribusiness Marketing and Management
- Natural Resource Management
- Environmental and Resource Economics (previously Resource Economics)
- Agricultural Education
- Statistics

We have worked well in the past in partnership with other departments at the University of Delaware and hope to continue on this path. In addition to some teaching and research collaborations other departments, we also have several joint faculty appointments and cross-listed courses between our departments.

Program Requirements:
(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and include a side-by-side comparison of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.) See example of side by side.

ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson ___________________________ Date ______________

Dean of College ___________________________ Date ______________

Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee ___________________________ Date ______________

Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies ___________________________ Date ______________

Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. ___________________________ Date ______________

Secretary, Faculty Senate ___________________________ Date ______________

Date of Senate Resolution ___________________________ Date to be Effective ______________

Registrar ___________________________ Program Code ___________________________ Date ______________

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs ___________________________ Date ______________

Provost ___________________________ Date ______________

Board of Trustee Notification ___________________________ Date ______________

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