

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 _____
(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

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 example of resolutions.](#)

Please see attached resolution regarding name change

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised 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:*

<u>University</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Website</u>
Cornell University	Applied Economics and Management	http://dyson.cornell.edu/
University of Minnesota	Applied Economics	http://www.apec.umn.edu/index.htm
University of Wisconsin	Agricultural and Applied Economics	http://www.aae.wisc.edu/
Clemson University	Applied Economics and Statistics	http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/
Utah State University	Applied Economics	http://apec.usu.edu/
Texas Tech	Agricultural and Applied Economics	http://www.aaec.ttu.edu/
Virginia Tech	Agricultural and Applied Economics	http://www.aaec.vt.edu/aaec/

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 _____