

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

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Submitted by: Thomas W. Ilvento phone number 302-831-6773

Department: Food and Resource Economics (FREC) email address ilvento@udel.edu

Date: 11-30-11

Action: Dissolve the Operations Research M.S. Degree

(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 **ORES Ph.D.**
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

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

Proposed name: **Elimination of the ORES Ph.D.**
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: **remove current statement**
(Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study **Operations Research Ph.D.**
(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")

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.)

The matter was voted on by the department and accepted unanimously. This will involve making a new concentration for Operations Research in the AREC MS degree and the STAT Ms degree, both programs in FREC (both proposed separately).

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.

WHEREAS, the Department of Food and Resource Economics (FREC) in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources has limited faculty and budgetary resources to continue to support a full MS degree in Operations Research, and

WHEREAS, FREC has seen a reduction in applicants for this program over the past 5 years, and

WHEREAS, the FREC Graduate Committee has recommended folding the Operation Resource courses into a concentration in AREC or STAT MS degrees., and

WHEREAS, the FREC Faculty unanimously to end the ORES Ph.D. degree and to begin accepting future students interested in Operations Research into a concentration in AREC or STAT, and

WHEREAS, the FREC has agreed to continue funding and coursework for existing ORES MS students so that they can finish their degree by 2013, and

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends ending the ORES MS degree beginning Fall 2012.

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

N/A

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")

We do not think it would affect any other program. All ORES courses will be continued.

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

With RBB the department no longer gets additional support and graduate student funding for this MS degree. The number of faculty supporting this degree is down to less than 3 FTEs and the number of applicants has dwindled. We feel the best way to continue providing the courses and expertise is to fold the program into a concentration in the Agricultural and Resource Economics MS or the Statistics MS degrees. Both are being proposed in separate forms.

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 _____

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