4. Special Consideration – minor name change

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**
Department of Agricultural Economics
Minor in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness

Name change to:
Minor in Agricultural Economics
MEMORANDUM
September 5, 2007

TO: Bob Knight, Chair, University Curriculum Committee

THROUGH: Ann Kenimer, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture & Life Science
         Doug Slack, Chair, Undergraduate Programs Committee

FROM: John P. Nichols, Head
       M. Edward Rister, Associate Head

SUBJECT: Changing the Title of the Minor Offered by the Department of Agricultural Economics

We are requesting that the title of the minor offered by the Department of Agricultural Economics be changed from the “Minor in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness,” to the “Minor in Agricultural Economics.” The reason for this request is that the proposed title will more accurately define the content and educational objectives of the minor. Our “upper-level” agribusiness courses are generally not included in the minor course work because of the numerous prerequisites for those courses. To characterize the current minor offering as “agribusiness” is an overstatement of what it represents. We are late in seeking this alteration, and thought we had attended to it last year via University catalog edits. Subsequently, we were informed of the necessity for submitting our request through COALS UPC and the UCC.

Attached is a copy of the current form used by the Department containing the current title. A second copy with the proposed title is also attached. The course requirements for the minor will not be changed at this time.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

pc: Fred O. Boadu, Assistant Head for Undergraduate Student Affairs
    Desmond Ng, Chair, AGEC, UAC
CURRENT
Minor in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness
Offered by
The Department of Agricultural Economics
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

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(NOTE: Substitutions are not allowed for core courses.)

B. Elective Courses (6 hours):
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(NOTE: The following courses cannot be used to meet this requirement: AGEC 400 “Field Studies in Agricultural Economics”, AGEC 481 “Ethics in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics”, AGEC 484 “Internship”, and AGEC 485 “Directed Studies”)

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D. Availability of Courses and Minor Recognition:
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_________________________________________________________________________
Printed Name

DATE: __________________ MAJOR: __________________

CELL PHONE #: __________________

UIN: ____________________________________________________________

E-MAIL: __________________________________________________________

AGEC Undergraduate Counselor’s Approval:

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Undergraduate Counselor Signature

DATE: ___________________________

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Department Head Signature

DATE: ___________________________
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Department Head Signature

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