Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN NAME OF AN EDUCATIONAL UNIT:
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the College of Agriculture’s Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences to Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition, effective July 1, 2012.

Background: The proposed name reflects that the department offers two undergraduate degrees: Human Nutrition, which is a pre-professional preparatory program, and Dietetics. Although food science is a part of the curriculum for all programs in the department, it is not the main emphasis, nor is it why students choose these majors. The faculty want to make a clear distinction between dietetics and human nutrition and the Department of Animal & Food Science’s food science program. As a result, the departmental faculty wish to align their name more closely with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and to better reflect the dietetic and human nutrition degree awarding capability.

The proposed change has been approved by the faculty in the department and the College of Agriculture Faculty Council; reviewed and endorsed by the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee and the Senate Council; and endorsed by the University Senate. The Interim Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken:  ☑ Approved  ☐ Disapproved  ☐ Other ______________________