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Office of the President  
December 11, 2012

Members, Board of Trustees:

## CHANGE IN THE NAME OF THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the change in the name of the College of Agriculture to the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, effective July 1, 2013.

Background: The proposed name change for the College of Agriculture is the culmination of a long-standing discussion that has included faculty, staff, and administrators. Because of the college's statewide extension mission, in addition to research and instruction, the complications of a name change are not taken lightly.

An appropriate name for the college has been debated intermittently since the merger of the College of Agriculture and the College of Human Environmental Sciences in 2004. With 14 academic departments that include Community and Leadership Development, Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles, Family Sciences, Landscape Architecture, Forestry, and Nutrition and Food Science, this college should have a name that reflects the breadth of its mission. While much of the college's focus remains in the more traditional agriculture disciplines such as Animal and Food Sciences, Plant and Soil Sciences, and Horticulture, and these disciplines continue to be crucial to the state, the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture needs to reflect a connection to all citizens of the Commonwealth and beyond, whether they are farm families, prospective students from inner city schools, or internationally renowned biochemists.

The proposed name change was approved by the college faculty; reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council; and endorsed by the University Senate. The Interim Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_