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Office of the President
February 22, 2011

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN DEGREE – COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Conservation and Management degree with a major in Natural Resource Conservation and Management to Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Science degree with a major in Natural Resources and Environmental Science (CIP Code: 03.0101, PROG: AG BSNRES NRES), effective in the spring 2011 semester.

Background: In 2008, the University of Kentucky Natural Resource Conservation and Management (NRCM) undergraduate program was reviewed by an external committee appointed by the Dean of the College of Agriculture. One key recommendation of the external review committee was to revise the NRCM curriculum. The June 2008 External Periodic Review report recommended “the steering committee and other UK faculty work together to develop a set of more well-integrated courses that would better train students in the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to succeed in environmental science and policy careers.”

As a result, the NRCM Steering Committee began work on revising the curriculum in 2009. The curriculum has been revised based on input from the NRCM Steering Committee and stakeholders. The curriculum has been restructured to provide better focused and more integrated study of specific natural resource and environmental science topic areas, explicitly related to a student’s selection for the required internship or research experience. Because of the growing interest by students in environmental sciences and the addition of environmental science topic areas, the college proposes to change the name of the NRCM program to Natural Resources and Environmental Science (NRES).

This proposal has the approval of the Undergraduate Council, Senate Council, and University Senate. The provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____