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Office of the President
December 14, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN NAME OF AN EDUCATIONAL UNIT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the College of Agriculture's Department of Animal Sciences to the Department of Animal and Food Sciences, effective for the spring 2005 semester.

Background: Since its inception in 1966, the Food Science Section has evolved into a critical component of the Department of Animal Sciences, assuming an increased responsibility in carrying out the departmental mission. The existence of diverse food science expertise contributes to the department's strength, versatility, and development, and synergistically impacts on the teaching, research and public service mission of the department. The department is unique in the sense that it has not only faculty working on animal production, but also has an established food science faculty group with a critical mass not seen in other similar departments. The faculty composition has enabled the department to develop a strong, strategic farm-to-table niche program that could become extremely competitive nationally and internationally.

There are numerous benefits for such a name change. The new name will greatly enhance the visibility of the Food Science Section and help recruit undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and young faculty, and facilitate the interaction with other food and animal science peers nationwide. The proposed name change to Department of Animal and Food Sciences will identify one of its main missions, namely to link animal production with food, considering animal-derived foods as a major component of our daily diet.

The proposal has been approved by the department faculty and the Agriculture Faculty Council and the College Curriculum Committee; reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure; and recommended by the Senate Council on behalf of the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____