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Office of the President
December 13, 2005

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN NAME OF THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the College of Agriculture to the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment, effective July 1, 2006.

Background: In the Spring of 2002, discussion of a name change for the College of Agriculture began in earnest as a merger of the College of Human Environmental Sciences with the College of Agriculture was being considered. With the official merger of the colleges in July 2003, several members of the Board of Trustees and many faculty asked for a review of the college name. The merger broadened the scope of the college to disciplines and programs that are not adequately described by “agriculture” alone. In addition, the needs and objectives of the students and stakeholders also have changed from a traditional focus on agricultural production to wider interests in life sciences and health, consumers and markets, and community and economic development. As the scope of agricultural colleges has evolved, a majority of our peers and benchmark institutions have changed names to emphasize the broader scope of their mission.

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

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other Academic Affairs
Committee recommends that more information be brought to it on this resolution in time for consideration before the January 23, 2006 board meeting.