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Office of the President
February 22, 2019

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND ENVIRONMENT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Sustainable Agriculture and Community Food Systems, within the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment, beginning in the Fall 2019 Semester.

Background: In 2007, UK joined other land-grant universities to develop sustainable-agriculture-oriented degree programs. Since that time, the number of degree programs in this area has nearly tripled. Over the last 10 years, the College has developed this program as an individualized undergraduate major, improving experiential teaching capacity and formalizing curriculum in two tracks: farming systems and community food systems. The proposed interdisciplinary, interdepartmental program focuses on three conceptual pillars: environmental stewardship, economic profitability, and social responsibility, with core courses integrating these at the introductory, intermediate, and capstone levels. Graduates of this program will be prepared for careers in farming, the nonprofit sector, cooperative extension, local government, and on-farm conservation service providers. Initial program enrollment is estimated at 20 students, with growth anticipated to 40-50 students.

The program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate, and has completed the 30 day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____