

## UNIVERSITY SENATE REVIEW AND CONSULTATION SUMMARY SHEET

**Proposal Title:** Change the Name of the College of Agriculture to the College of Agriculture, Food and the Environment

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Reviewed by: (Chairs, Directors, Faculty Groups, Faculty Councils, Committees, etc)	Contact person Name (phone/email)	Consequences of Review:	Date of Proposal Review	Review Summary Attached? (yes or no)
Ag Faculty Council	Mary Marchant, Chair 257-7260 <a href="mailto:mmarchan@uky.edu">mmarchan@uky.edu</a>	Unanimous vote to support	October 3, 2005	Yes
Council on Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (external advisory committee)	M. Scott Smith, Dean 257-4772 <a href="mailto:mssmith@uky.edu">mssmith@uky.edu</a>	Majority approval	February 2005	Yes
College Faculty and Staff (web survey)	Carla Craycraft 257-4756 <a href="mailto:carla.craycraft@uky.edu">carla.craycraft@uky.edu</a>	Approved (vote: 66/109)	January 2005	Yes
College Strategic Planning Committee (subcommittee – Mission, Vision, Values)	Debra Witham 257-4657 <a href="mailto:dwitham@uky.edu">dwitham@uky.edu</a>	Approved	January 2005	Yes

UK Department of Geological Sciences	Frank Ettensohn, Chair 257-6232 <a href="mailto:fettens@uky.edu">fettens@uky.edu</a>	Support	October 2005	Yes
UK Department of Chemistry	Steve Yates, Chair 257-7085 <a href="mailto:yates@uky.edu">yates@uky.edu</a>	Support	October 2005	Yes
UK Department of Biology	Sheldon Steiner, Chair 257-4711 <a href="mailto:sheldon.sidney@uky.edu">sheldon.sidney@uky.edu</a>	No response as of Oct 7th	October 2005	Yes
UK Department of Preventative Medicine and Environmental Health	Scott Prince, Chair 257-5678 x82100 <a href="mailto:scott.prince@uky.edu">scott.prince@uky.edu</a>	No response as of Oct 7th	October 2005	Yes
Graduate Center for Toxicology	Mary Vore, Director 257-3760 <a href="mailto:mary.vore@uky.edu">mary.vore@uky.edu</a>	Support	October 2005	Yes

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of  
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**Rationale**

- The merger of the College of Human Environmental Sciences into the College of Agriculture broadens the scope of our college to disciplines and programs that are not adequately described by “agriculture” alone <sup>1</sup>.
- The College houses many Departments and other entities that do not seem to “fit” under the umbrella of “agriculture” such as the Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment; Department of Animal and Food Sciences; the Arboretum; Department of Forestry; School of Human and Environmental Sciences including the Departments of Nutrition and Food Science, Family Studies and Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles; the Cooperative Extension Service including Family and Consumer Sciences, Agriculture and Natural Resources, and 4-H Youth Development; Department of Community and Leadership Development; and Department of Landscape Architecture.
- The needs and objectives of our students and our stakeholders also have changed, from a traditional focus on agricultural production to wider interests in life sciences and health, consumers and markets, community and economic development <sup>1</sup>.
- External leadership, including the Board of Trustees, has expressed an expectation that the name of the college be reevaluated <sup>1</sup>.
- As the scope of agricultural colleges has evolved, a majority of our peer and benchmark institutions have changed names to emphasize the broader scope of their mission <sup>1</sup>.
- Numerous names have been discussed. Those including “Life Science” were dismissed due to a perceived conflict with other Departments and Programs at the University of Kentucky located in other Colleges.

**Background and Process**

1. 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. Dean Smith asked College faculty and staff to comment on possibility of a College name change<sup>2</sup>.
2. Dean Smith asked for a review of names similar Colleges of UK Benchmark Institutions in the Spring of 2002. Many of these Colleges do not include programs in Human Environmental Sciences or Medical Centers. (Attachment A).
3. Names of similar Colleges at other Land Grant institutions include:

- College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
  - College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences
  - College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
  - College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
  - College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
  - College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
4. Very few similar Colleges at other Land Grant institutions are simply called "College of Agriculture." Most have changed their names to be more descriptive and more inclusive of the broader range of their mission and programs.
  5. Virtually all the responses to the Dean's request to comment on a potential College name change were favorable and enthusiastic<sup>3</sup>. Dean Smith then determined consideration of a College name change would become part of the College's Strategic Planning process in 2003.
  6. The merger of the College of Human Environmental Sciences (HES) into the College of Agriculture is official on July 1, 2003. During the discussions surrounding the HES merger, multiple members of the UK Board of Trustees and many faculty asked for a review of the College name.
  7. In the fall of 2003 Dean Smith charged the College Strategic Planning Committee to:
    - Write a new vision, mission and values statement for the College
    - Develop a comprehensive but concise (4-page) strategic plan consistent with the format of the university's new strategic plan
    - Make a preliminary recommendation on the name of the College
 In that charge, the Dean identified several potential names for the College including "College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences."<sup>4</sup>
  8. On December 15, 2003, the College Strategic Planning Committee voted by a margin of 26-2 to recommend that the name of the College be modified. Through a series of straw votes and polls the Committee further recommended that three naming options be offered to College personnel and stakeholders for further consideration. Three options endorsed by the Committee for further consideration were:
    - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (16/28)
    - College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (8/28)
    - College of Agriculture and Human Environmental Sciences (4 of 28)
 Pros and cons for each proposed name were also given and distributed to all faculty and staff of the College<sup>5</sup>.
  9. In January of 2004, the College Strategic Plan recommendations and name change proposals were presented to the UK College Council for Agricultural Research,

Extension and Teaching (CARET). CARET is the College's external advisory board. The majority of CARET members (6/10) preferred the name "College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences." Many also offered suggestions and modifications to the proposed names. A vast majority of CARET members strongly supported having the "Food" in the College name.

10. The College faculty and staff were surveyed as to their preference in January of 2004 and also given the opportunity to make comments. Results were as follows:
  - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (70)
  - College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (112)
  - College of Agriculture and Human Environmental Sciences (51)
11. The Dean requested a faculty sub-committee of the College Strategic Planning Committee continue to work on the College name, considering the number of comments expressed by faculty and staff during the survey. He also decided, because of the budget crisis, that action on a name change would be delayed until 2005.
12. The College Strategic Planning Sub-committee continued work with numerous forms of input from faculty, including discussions with the Ag Faculty Council. This faculty subcommittee agreed to web-based poll of College faculty and staff in January of 2005 with two College name options and following results:
  - College of Agriculture, Food and the Environment (66)
  - College of Agriculture and Human Ecology (43)
13. The College CARET (external advisory board) was also consulted in February of 2005. The vast majority preferred the name "College of Agriculture, Food and the Environment." Stakeholder groups are important to the College of Agriculture, because of its statewide mission and the need to have the public's support of its name and mission.
14. Dean Smith and the College Administration agreed in April to begin the formal University process to change the College name to "College of Agriculture, Food and the Environment."
15. The Ag Faculty Council voted unanimously to endorse a name change of the College of Agriculture to the "College of Agriculture, Food and the Environment" at their October 3, 2005 meeting.
16. Five Chairs or Directors of Departments and Centers outside of the College of Agriculture were contacted by email with a request to discuss our name change proposal with their faculty and return results of that discussion to us by October 3, 2005. The Department of Geological Sciences faculty "wholeheartedly supports the change." The Graduate Center for Toxicology faculty have "no problem with the proposed name change." And among faculty of the Department of Chemistry

there was "no strong opposition." As of October 7<sup>th</sup>, the other two departments have not responded.

- <sup>1</sup> College of Ag Futures, Jan. 8, 2004  
(<http://dobson.ca.uky.edu/admin/agfutures1-8-04.pdf>)
- <sup>2</sup> College of Ag Futures, April 2, 2002  
(<http://dobson.ca.uky.edu/admin/agfutures4-1.pdf>)
- <sup>3</sup> College of Ag Futures, July 10, 2002  
(<http://dobson.ca.uky.edu/admin/agfutures7-5.pdf>)
- <sup>4</sup> College of Ag Futures, Sept. 5, 2003  
(<http://dobson.ca.uky.edu/admin/agfutures9-5.pdf>)
- <sup>5</sup> College of Ag Futures, Jan. 8, 2004  
(<http://dobson.ca.uky.edu/admin/agfutures1-8-04.pdf>)

*Note: College of Ag Futures are memorandums sent electronically to all faculty and staff of the College of Agriculture*

Attachment A

**Names of Colleges similar to the UK College of Agriculture**  
**at**  
**UK Benchmark Land Grant Institutions**

1. Ohio State University – College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
2. University of Illinois – Champaign-Urbana – College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Science
3. University of Wisconsin – Madison - College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
4. University of Arizona – College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
5. University of Florida – College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
6. Texas A&M University – College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
7. North Carolina State University – College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
8. University of Georgia – College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
9. University of Maryland – College Park – College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
10. Penn State University – College of Agricultural Sciences
11. Purdue University – School of Agriculture

**Craycraft, Carla**

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**From:** Janet Tietyen [jtietyen@uky.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2005 4:37 PM  
**To:** Craycraft, Carla  
**Cc:** Marchant, Mary A; Tietyen, Janet L  
**Subject:** College Name Change AFC Vote

Dear Dr. Craycraft ~

This email will serve as documentation of the unanimous vote of the Ag Faculty Council on October 3, 2005 to support the name change of the College to "College of Agriculture, Food, and the Environment". We appreciate the opportunity to support this meaningful move forward.

Janet Tietyen, Secretary  
Ag Faculty Council

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## **Craycraft, Carla**

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**From:** Frank Ettensohn [fettens@uky.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2005 4:04 PM  
**To:** carla.craycraft@uky.edu  
**Subject:** College name change

Dear Dr. Craycraft,

Thanks for your recent memo describing the proposed name change for your college. I have discussed the change with my faculty, and their comment was that anything with the word "environment" in it will certainly prove contentious to many other units that do environmental research and teaching. We know firsthand how this goes, because we are now on our second attempt to change our name from Department of Geological Sciences to Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, and the two proposed name changes will likely go to the Senate at about the same time.

Interestingly, several of the major detractors against our name change are departments within the College of Agriculture, that claimed that inclusion of the word "environmental" in our name might send the message that we in some way "had a monopoly on environmental research and teaching" at this University. Of course, this could never be the case, and we continue to think that the environmental field is large enough that many units should be engaged in it, whether or not the word is included in their official name or not. Nonetheless, we will continue to push for our name change, because more and more it describes what it is that many geologists in our Department are now doing, some, moreover, with collaborators in your College. There is certainly something to be said for "truth in advertising," and otherwise, some might not realize the possibilities for collaboration that exist within our Department.

In short, we do not oppose the change in name of your College to include the word "environment" and others; indeed, opportunities in this area are large enough to accommodate the research of many units on campus. However, just as we have no intention or ability to subsume all environmentally related research and teaching on campus because of our name change, we would only expect the same from your College. In fact, our faculty wholeheartedly support the change of your College name and hope that your College and faculty will do likewise for us. As these changes move through the Senate, it is our hope that we and others do not get all bound up in the words themselves, but rather in the collaborative potential that those words should signal among us.

Regards,  
Frank Ettensohn

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**From:** Steve Yates [yates@uky.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2005 5:56 PM  
**To:** Craycraft, Carla  
**Subject:** Re: Proposal to Change the Name of the College of Agriculture

Dear Carla,

While our faculty expressed some concern that "environmental studies" are ubiquitous on this campus and certainly not unique to your College, **no strong opposition to the new name was raised.**

Best regards,

Steve

Dr. Steve Yates, Chair  
Department of Chemistry  
College of Arts and Sciences

Dear Dr. Yates:

The College of Agriculture is in process of putting forth a proposal to the University Senate to change our name to the College of Agriculture, Food and the Environment.

The attached document explains the rationale, background and process to date.

We realize our name change may impact others in the University community and therefore need your assistance.

Can you please discuss this proposal with your faculty by **October 3, 2005** and send results of that discussion to me by email?

We would welcome comments and overall consensus opinion of your faculty on this matter.

If you have questions, please let me know.

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Regards,

**Carla G. Craycraft, Ph. D.**

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**From:** Craycraft, Carla  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2005 10:07 AM  
**To:** Steiner, Sheldon  
**Subject:** Proposal to Change the Name of the College of Agriculture  
**Importance:** High

Dr. Sheldon Steiner, Chair  
Department of Biology  
College of Arts and Sciences

Dear Dr. Steiner:

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**From:** Craycraft, Carla  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2005 10:01 AM  
**To:** Prince, Scott  
**Subject:** Proposal to Change the Name of the College of Agriculture  
**Importance:** High

Dr. Scott Prince, Chair  
Department of Preventative Medicine and Environmental Health  
College of Public Health

Dear Dr. Scott Prince:

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**From:** Vore, Mary E  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2005 4:50 PM  
**To:** Craycraft, Carla  
**Subject:** RE: Proposal to Change the Name of the College of Agriculture

I did mean College of Agriculture - sorry. Feel free to change that before forwarding.  
Mary

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**From:** Craycraft, Carla  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2005 4:02 PM  
**To:** Vore, Mary E  
**Subject:** RE: Proposal to Change the Name of the College of Agriculture

Mary:

Thank you very much for your reply. I will forward this to appropriate parties.

*Carla*

**Carla G. Craycraft, Ph. D.**  
Assistant Dean for Agricultural Communications

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**From:** Vore, Mary E  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2005 3:56 PM  
**To:** Craycraft, Carla  
**Subject:** RE: Proposal to Change the Name of the College of Agriculture

Carla,  
The Graduate Center for Toxicology has no problem with the proposed name change of the Graduate Center for Toxicology.  
Mary Vore

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**From:** Craycraft, Carla  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2005 9:59 AM  
**To:** Vore, Mary E  
**Subject:** Proposal to Change the Name of the College of Agriculture  
**Importance:** High

Dr. Mary Vore, Director  
Graduate Center for Toxicology  
UK College of Medicine

Dear Dr. Vore:

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