

Board Meeting
May 20, 2010

RENAME THE MASTER OF SCIENCE AND DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
DEGREES IN AGRICULTURAL AND CONSUMER ECONOMICS, COLLEGE OF
AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES AND THE
GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

Action: Rename the Master of Science and Doctorate of Philosophy Degrees in Agricultural and Consumer Economics, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate College to rename the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural and Consumer Economics as the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural and Applied Economics.

The Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics was formed during a college-wide restructuring in 1995 by merging faculty from the Department of Agricultural Economics with faculty from the School of Human Resources and Family Studies. The resulting graduate program took the name of the new department. While this department name continues to reflect the heritage and strength of the unit, it does not effectively communicate the content of the graduate program. Graduate students will complete a uniform core of courses in the applied economics and select fields of

concentration including: agricultural finance, family and consumer economics, price analysis and marketing, international and policy economics, natural resources and environmental economics, and regional economics. The inclusive program label “Agricultural and Applied Economics” more completely encompasses the work and research of the students.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.