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To: University Senate
From: Kevin Evans, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs
Subject: Proposal to Rename the Master of Education in Agricultural and Extension Education Degree Program
Date: September 14, 2020

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO RENAME THE MASTER OF EDUCATION IN AGRICULTURAL AND EXTENSTION EDUCATION TO MASTER OF EDUCATION IN AGRISCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION, AND LEADERSHIP

Whereas the current program has been restructured to balance core courses in the department with courses in Education and field experience in agriscience education; and a name change will better capture the unique aspects of initial teacher licensure in agriscience education that is offered through the M.Ed. program; and

Whereas the name change directly aligns with the undergraduate degree title that leads to licensure, and is more recognizable to prospective employers; and

Whereas the proposal has the support of the Office of Accreditation, Placement and Licensure, College of Education and Human Ecology, noting that it will respond to a shortage of licensed teachers in this area; and

Whereas following a review by the Graduate School, the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on September 2, 2020; and

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal from the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership to rename the degree program from Master of Education in Agricultural and Extension Education to Master of Education in Agriscience, and respectfully request approval by the Board of Trustees.