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MEMORANDUM

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March 13, 2004

To: Jeff Dembo
Senate Office

From: Scott Smith
College of Agriculture

Subject: Name Changes

request Senate review of the proposed changes listed below.

- a) Change the name of the **Department of Agronomy** to the **Department of Plant and Soil Sciences**.
- b) Change the name of the **Department of Animal Sciences** to the **Department of Animal and Food Sciences**.
- c) Change the name of the inter-departmental B.S. and M.S. degree program in **Plant and Soil Sciences** to **Horticulture, Plant and Soil Sciences**.

I have attached documentation for both the process and the justification. All of these changes are intended to better communicate the current emphases of these departments and programs, to reflect the changing nature of programs in agricultural and food systems, and to enhance marketability to prospective students and constituents.

These proposals do not represent program or curriculum changes. No administrative, budgetary or organizational relationships will be altered. Therefore, the justification and analyses attached is concise relative to what would be expected for an organizational or academic change.

The proposals are unanimously supported by the Faculty of these units and programs. The changes have been circulated for open comment in the College of Agriculture. They have been endorsed by the Agriculture Faculty Council and the College Curriculum Committee.

For your information, two questions arose during the college-wide discussion of these proposals.

- a) Concern about a clear identity being preserved for our two other plant science departments: Horticulture and Plant Pathology. Faculty of both departments report that these concerns have been satisfactorily addressed.

- b) The existence of two College of Agriculture units with “Food Science” in the title (NFS and now, Animal and Food Sciences). However, the redundancy in the substance of food-related programming in the two departments has been dramatically reduced over the last few years, and the confusion about overlap of their undergrad majors has been resolved. The current direction of NFS planning is expected to lead to a new and more differentiated name in the future.

The Faculty and administration of the College fully support these proposals and request a positive review. I will be available and willing to provide further information or respond to questions at your convenience.

cc: Provost Nietzel



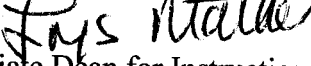
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February 16, 2004

M. Scott Smith
Dean

FROM: Loys Mather 
Interim Associate Dean for Instruction

Name changes

The College Curriculum committee concurs with the following proposed name changes:

1. Change in name of Department of Agronomy to Department of Plant and Soil Sciences
2. Change in name of Plant and Soil Science degree to Department of Horticulture, Plant and Soil Sciences
3. Change in name of Department of Animal Sciences to Department of Animal and Food Sciences

cc: Linus Walton



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MEMORANDUM

12 January 2004

To: Scott Smith, Dean
From: Lee Meyer, Chair Ag Faculty Council
Subject: Proposed Department Name Changes

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At its 9 December 2003 meeting, the Ag Faculty Council discussed the proposal for changing the names of two College departments and one program.

Agronomy to Plant and Soil Sciences
Animal Sciences to Animal and Food Sciences
Plant and Soil Sciences to Horticulture, Plant and Soil Sciences

The Ag Faculty Council supports these changes, supporting the preferences of the involved faculty.

Thank you for requesting the input from the Council.

C: Members of Ag Faculty Council



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Dr. M. Scott Smith, Dean

FROM: Carla Craycraft, Assistant Dean for Agricultural Communications
and Information Technology *Carla Craycraft*

DATE: October 29, 2002

**College Marketing Committee Recommendation on Department
Name Change for Agronomy**

The College Marketing Committee recommends approval of the department name change from Department of Agronomy to the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences. From a marketing and public relations perspective, the committee feels that "Plant and Soil Sciences" is more descriptive and easier for the general public (including students) to understand than "Agronomy."

The committee was asked to review Dr. Barrett's letter prior to our meeting. Many points were discussed at our meeting, both pro and con. All ten committee members present voted to recommend the name change.



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November 10, 2003

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To: Loys Mather, Office of Instruction
Lee Meyer, Ag Faculty Council

From: Scott Smith

Subject: Proposed Name Changes

I am forwarding documentation associated with three proposed name changes:

- 1) The Agronomy Faculty proposes to change their department name to Plant and Soil Sciences.
- 2) The Animal Science Faculty proposes to change their name to Animal and Food Sciences.
- 3) The Plant and Soil Science Steering Committee proposes to change the name of that undergraduate degree program to Horticulture, Plant and Soil Sciences.

I request that both the Ag Faculty Council and the Undergraduate Programs Committee provide a review and written recommendation regarding these proposals.

I endorse and recommend approval of all three changes. Although these proposals initially generated some dispute, I believe that they are now unopposed by all those faculty participating in these programs. The proposals have been under consideration for several months. Preliminary and informal consultation with representatives of other departments has occurred in various formats throughout that time. I am now seeking more formal and documented review from AFC and the Undergraduate Committee.



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MEMORANDUM

M. Scott Smith
Dean, College of Agriculture

FROM: Bob Harmon
Chair, Animal Science

DATE: August 13, 2003

Proposed Name Change for Animal Sciences

Attached is our proposal for a departmental name change to "Department of Animal and Food Sciences." Although this document was signed by all the faculty in the Food Science group, the proposed name change was approved by the entire faculty in March 2002.

Thank you for your support of this effort.

Attachment

A Proposal for Department Name Change “Department of Animal and Food Sciences”

FROM: Food Science Group of Department of Animal Sciences

DATE: August 7, 2003


Since its inception in 1966, the Food Science Section (FSS) has evolved into a critical component of the Department of Animal Sciences, assuming an increased responsibility in carrying out the departmental mission. The FSS currently consists of 8 FTE faculty members and is engaged in teaching, research and public services in the broad arena of food science and nutrition but with emphasis on animal-derived foods. The existence of a diverse food science expertise lends itself to our Department's strength, versatility and development, and synergistically impacts on all three parts of the Departmental mission (teaching, research and public services). The critical importance of FSS is evident as sustainability of animal production agriculture and its industry becomes increasingly dependent upon the end uses of and adding value to the products. The FSS will play a critical role in positioning our department to meet such challenges. Our Department is unique in the sense that not only does it have a complete faculty working on animal production but it also has an established food science faculty group that has a critical mass not seen in other departments of this kind (which contains both 'animal' and 'foods' programs). This faculty composition enables us to develop a strong, strategic 'farm-to-table' niche program that could become extremely competitive nationally and internationally.

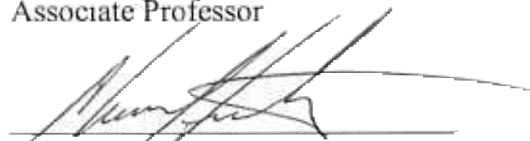
The FSS, not as a separate group but as an integral and synergistic part of the Department, has played an active role in fulfilling the Department mission over the past 30 years. It has been involved in the teaching, research and extension programs of other commodity groups, especially those of the beef, dairy, swine, and poultry units. As a team player, the FSS has made a positive contribution to Department's graduate student and postdoctoral training, as well as to the research and extension extramural funds that our Department has obtained. Yet, the increased responsibilities that the FSS shares in the Department, especially in recent years, and the roles it plays and will continue to play do not seem to be in accordance with the section's identity. In fact, the lack of name recognition has severely hindered the recruitment of both quality undergraduate and graduate students. It has also negatively affected our food science program's acceptance by peers and by many federal and industrial interest groups, including competition for more federal and industry research grants. We are pleased with the transfer of the "food science" component of the former College of Human and Environmental Sciences into our College, and believe such transfer has cleared the way for our name change to "Department of Animal and Food Sciences". As food science core faculty, we are determined to continue our success as a value-adding program and wish to take the leadership in the college- and university-wide initiative to develop a strategic partnership with the food industry. Several other universities in the country have made a similar move in naming their animal science departments, e.g., Texas Tech University ("Department of Animal Science and Food Technology"), University of Delaware ("Department of Animal and Food Sciences"), University of Wisconsin-River Falls ("Department of Animal and Food Sciences"), and Alabama A&M University ("Department of Food and Animal Sciences").

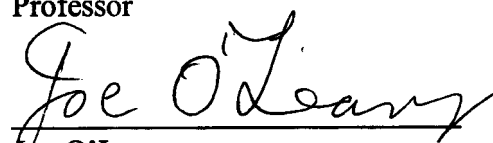
In conclusion, there are numerous conceivable benefits for such a name change. For example, the new name could greatly enhance the visibility of the FSS and hence, help recruit undergraduate

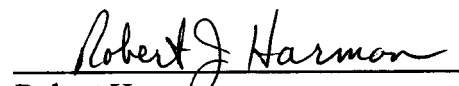
and graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and young faculty, and facilitate the interaction with other food and animal science peers nationwide. Moreover, we believe it could lead to new initiatives and opportunities. Many of the animal industry associates and allies, including the food industry (the largest manufacturing industry in the nation), and funding agencies, might be more inclined to building partnerships if they can connect with us through a renewed identity of the Department. Finally, a name change to "Department of Animal and Food Sciences" would identify one of our main missions, namely, to link animal production with food, considering animal-derived foods as a major component of our daily diet. This proposal has received sound support of the Animal Sciences faculty by a vote in March, 2002.



Benjy Mikel
Professor and Coordinator

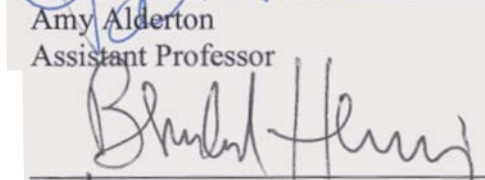

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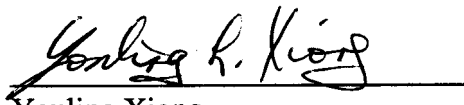

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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 15, 2002

To: Scott Smith

From: Michael Barrett

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Barrett'.

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Subject: Request for Change of Agronomy Department Name

Scott, at the last Agronomy Department faculty meeting, the faculty voted overwhelming to request a change in the name of the department to Plant and Soil Sciences. I am requesting your approval of this change and am asking for your help to identify additional steps I need to take to accomplish the name change.

As you know, approximately 6 years ago, the Agronomy Department faculty also voted to change the name to the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences. However, this request was not supported by Dean Little. The faculty, by their recent vote, reaffirmed their desire to seek this change and the department believes that the reasons to approve this are even stronger today than they were 6 years ago. These are summarized below.

- 1 The name Plant and Soil Sciences better reflects the range of activities that our faculty are engaged in. These include traditional agronomy, basic plant science, agronomic soils, and environmental soils research, teaching, and extension .
- 2 The name Plant and Soil Sciences better communicates this range to persons outside the department and is better understood than the name Agronomy.
3. The name Plant and Soil Sciences agrees with two of the degree programs associated with departmental faculty and this identity will aid in recruitment and decrease confusion among the applicants. It is also possible that the PhD program will be renamed this in the future. This is difficult to quantify, but it is the belief of many of the faculty, given the use

of the web for prospective students to search for degree programs, that the name change will help a wider diversity of students find our programs.

4. The new name will help align us with opportunities in plant bioengineering and environmental sciences.

For me, the most significant reason not to consider this change is the history and recognition that the department has gained at the university, in the state, and nationally as Agronomy. I would not want to lose that. However, we are also gaining reputations as plant scientists and soil scientists that might be better recognized with the new name.

Thank-you for your consideration of this request and please contact me should you have any questions.

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MEMO

Scott Smith, Dean

FROM: Plant and Soil Science Steering Committee
(Jack Buxton, Bob Geneve, Bob McNiel, Todd Pfeiffer, Tim Phillips,
Bill Witt) *Todd Pfeiffer*

DATE: August 5, 2003

Undergraduate Degree Name Change

The Plant and Soil Science Steering Committee requests a change in the name of the undergraduate degree program from "Plant and Soil Science" to "Horticulture, Plant and Soil Sciences". The proposed name better reflects the contributions of the two departments of Horticulture and Agronomy (soon to be Plant and Soil Sciences) heavily involved in our growing interdepartmental undergraduate program.