

Brothers, Sheila C.

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Subject: NEW USP: BS Agricultural Economics and Master of Public Administration
Attachments: USP bw BS Ag Econ & MPA 3-6-20 rmb.pdf

Proposed New University Scholars Program: BS Agricultural Economics and Master of Public Administration

This is a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new University Scholars Program: BS Agricultural Economics, in the Department of Agricultural Economics within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, and Master of Public Administration, in the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration.

Rationale: The proposed USP from the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics to the Master of Public Administration provides a pathway for students with a desire to work in the public and non-profit spheres related to agriculture. The MPA program permits up to six hours of Agricultural Economics courses, and MPA coursework can satisfy the Specialty Support requirement of the BS, allowing for up to 12 hours to count toward both degree programs.

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NEW UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM (USP)

The University Scholars Program (USP) offers students the opportunity and challenge of integrating their undergraduate and graduate courses of study into a single, continuous program leading to both a baccalaureate and master's degree. The student's particular requirements will determine the amount of time needed to complete the program, but the two programs can be completed in less time than that required in a conventional program.

Once approved at the college level, your college will send the proposal to the Graduate Council (GC) for review and approval. (Requirements for the bachelor's degree must remain unchanged, so there is no review by the Undergraduate Council.) After approval by the GC, the GC will send your proposal to the Senate Council office for additional review via a committee and then to the Senate for approval. Once approved by the Senate, the Senate Council office will report approvals to the Provost, Registrar and other appropriate entities, including the contact person. The contact person listed on the form will be informed when the proposal has been sent to committee and other times as appropriate.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1a	Bachelor's major name:	<i>Agricultural Economics</i>				
1b	Bachelor's degree:	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Arts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		
	If "Other," explain:					
1c	Bachelor's degree home college:	Agriculture, Food & Environment				
1d	Bachelor's degree home department/school:	Agricultural Economics				
1e	Graduate major name:	Public Administration				
1f	Graduate degree:	<input type="checkbox"/> Master's of Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Master's of Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Master's of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
	If "Other," explain:	Masters of Public Administration (MPA)				
1g	Graduate degree home college:	<i>The Graduate School</i>				
1h	Graduate degree home department/school:	Martin School of Public Policy and Administration				
1i	Requested effective date:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semester after approval.	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Date ¹ :		
1j	Contact person name:	<i>Roger Brown</i>	Email:	<i>rogerbrown@uky.edu</i>	Phone:	<i>7-7257</i>

2. OVERVIEW

2a	Provide a brief description of the proposed USP. (300 word limit)
	This University Scholars Program will allow advanced undergraduate students in Agricultural Economics to simultaneously pursue a Masters in Public Administration (MPA) through the Martin School.

¹ University Scholars Programs are typically made effective for the semester following approval. No program will be made effective unless all approvals, up through and including University Senate approval, are received.

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2b	<p>Explain the need (e.g. market demand). (300 word limit)</p> <p><i>Approximately 10% of students graduating with an AEC undergraduate degree pursue graduate studies. An increasing number of our students also matriculate with 30+ credit hours of undergraduate course work already completed. Some of our most advanced students who meet both of these criteria desire to work in the public and non-profit spheres related to agriculture (e.g., policy analysis with USDA, rural economic development, etc.) The Martin School of Public Policy and Administration's MPA degree (37 credit hours) is an ideal program option for these advanced students who wish to complete four years of study with an emphasis in agricultural, development, or food policy studies or administration before entering their professional careers.</i></p>
2c	<p>Describe the target audience. (150 word limit)</p> <p><i>Advanced undergraduate students in agricultural economics seeking an applied Masters degree with an emphasis on public policy, public administration, agricultural policy, and/or economic development.</i></p>
3. Basic Requirements	
3a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check to confirm that the USP is open to undergraduates with senior standing who have completed at least 90 hours of course work.
3b	<p>Undergraduates must have satisfied all UK Core requirements prior to applying. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If "No," explain. (150 word limit)</p>
	<p>Prior to applying, undergraduates must have a plan to complete all UK Core requirements that is approved by their academic advisor.</p>
3c	<p>Application to the USP is at the end of the student's junior year. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If "No," explain. (150 word limit)</p>
3d	<p>For admission to the USP, the undergraduate GPA is greater than or equal to 3.5 in the student's major (including cross-listed courses) and 3.2 overall. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If "No," explain. (150 word limit)</p>
3e	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check box to confirm that application to the program will follow the current procedures for application to the Graduate School, subject to the conditions in questions 3a through 3d, above.
3f	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check box to confirm that the USP is designed so that students will not take more than 16 credit hours per semester. (Permission to exceed that number is subject to approval by the Director of Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School.)
4. Specific Course Requirements	
4a	<p>Up to twelve (12) credit hours from the bachelor's degree may be used towards the graduate degree. How many credits from the undergraduate degree will count towards the graduate degree?</p>

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6 credits with a maximum of 12 credits			
4b List below the 400G- and 500-level courses in the bachelor’s degree that will count towards the graduate degree. The student must be graded as a graduate student in the courses listed below for the course(s) to count towards the graduate degree.			
Prefix & Number	Course Title	Credit Hrs	
Courses approved by the AEC Director of Undergraduate Studies (AEC) and the Director of Graduate Studies (Martin School). Such courses could include any PA course at the graduate level that satisfies the Specialty Support requirement (15 hours) for the BS in AEC and can specifically include up to six hours of the following:			
AEC 545	Resource and Environmental Economics	3	
AEC 532	Agricultural and Food Policy	3	
AEC 580	Special Problems: Ag Economics	3	
TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDIT HOURS:			up to 12
4a.	Does the USP involve prerequisite courses ² or concurrent enrollment ³ in certain courses?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If “Yes,” please list the courses below.			
Prefix & Number	Course Title	Credit Hrs	Course Type ⁴
			Select one....
			Select one....
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			Select one....
			Select one....
4b	Provide the Bulletin language for prerequisite or concurrent enrollment courses.		

5. ADMINISTRATION AND ASSESSMENT

² Prerequisite courses are completed prior to initiation of the USP, i.e. at the undergraduate level.
³ Concurrent enrollment courses are in progress, i.e. in which the student is currently enrolled.
⁴ Use the drop-down list to indicate if the course is a prerequisite or may be taken currently.

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5a Describe how the proposed USP will be administered, including admissions, student advising, retention, etc. (150 word limit)

The Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS) for the AEC program will jointly supervise the University Scholars Program with the Director of the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration. Applicants must follow the application procedures and meet the admission standards for both the Graduate School and the Martin School. Students admitted to the program will be assigned a Martin School faculty advisor who will advise students during the graduate portion of the program. For the remainder of their undergraduate program, students will continue to be advised by their undergraduate academic advisors. The DUS in AEC and the Martin School Director will monitor retention and graduation rates for the program.

5b Describe evaluation procedures for the proposed USP. Include how to determine whether the USP is a success or a failure. (250 word limit)

The primary method for determining the success of the USP will be the graduation rates of those participating in the program. Further indications of success will be the number of students obtaining employment related to their areas and levels of study after graduation. This information will be gathered via social media outlets (LinkedIn, Facebook, etc.), discussion with faculty who served as advisors for their programs, and/or directly from alumni.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

6a Is there anything else about the proposed USP that should be mentioned? (150 word limit)

As proposed, USP students will count PA 652 ("Public Policy Economics") and PA 621 ("Quantitative Methods of Research") towards partial fulfillment of their undergraduate program's Specialty Support requirement. This allowance is not a change in the AEC undergraduate program requirements since Specialty Support courses are courses already defined as those that relate to the AEC major and that are at the 200+ level or higher. This allowance will enable these USP students to count a total of 12 credit hours in common between their undergraduate and graduate degrees as allowed by the Graduate School under the University Scholars Program.

7. APPROVALS/REVIEWS

Document steps in the approval process below.

	Reviewing Group Name	Date Approved	Contact Person Name/Phone/Email
7a	(Within College) In addition to the information below, attach documentation of department and college approval. This typically takes the form of meeting minutes but may also be an email from the unit heads reporting department- and college-level votes.		
	Ag Econ Department	11/14/18	Barry Barnett / 257-7277 / barry.barnett@uky.edu
	UCC, CAFE	3/18/19	Barry Barnett / 257-7277 / barry.barnett@uky.edu
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7b	(Collaborating and/or Affected Units)		
	Martin School	2/12/19	Ron Zimmer / 323-5413 / ron.zimmer@uky.edu
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7c	(Senate's Academic Councils)	Date Approved	Contact Person Name
	Health Care Colleges Council (if applicable)		
	Graduate Council	Roshan Nikou	

Faculty Meeting

November 14, 2018

2:00 p.m., Rm. 341 CEB

Attending: Barry Barnett, Roger Brown, Steven Buck, Kenny Burdine, Alison Davis, Todd Davis, Carl Dillon, Greg Halich, Yoko Kusunose, Tyler Mark, Leigh Maynard, Rita Parsons, Mike Reed, Jairus Rossi, Jordan Shockley, Susan Skees, Will Snell, Jill Stowe, Tim Woods, Yuqing Zheng

Refreshments were provided by Jordan Shockley, thank you.

Minutes – The minutes for the October 10, 2018 meeting were approved.

Announcements

The CAFÉ Fall Faculty Meeting is November 27, at 2:30 p.m. in the E.S. Good Barn. Some faculty awards will be presented.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Press Conference is in Louisville, Kentucky November 29.

Faculty position(s) update -- The positions have been advertised with AAEA and JOE job sites. The application deadline is December 7, 2018. The Search Committees will meet with possible candidates at the ASSA Conference in Atlanta in January, 2019. When viable candidates are selected, their information will be shared with faculty and interview dates will be arranged, hopefully beginning in late January and early February.

Chair's meeting notes – Barry Barnett shared information from the November 14th meeting. (1) It has been requested that when citing Journal articles, the source of funding be acknowledged (i.e. Hatch project number, Federal funding, etc.). The requested language or wording will be shared with the Chairs, and forwarded to faculty. (2) Demonstrate research impact, provide sample information and links to pull information. (3) Digital Measures, grants should be listed (prototypes will be shared). (4) Tenure clock delays require the appropriate forms to be completed and signed, even if the delay is for a probationary period.

KFBM -- Jerry Pierce is attending the annual income tax seminars. The Purchase Area Farm Analysis Group is celebrating it's 50th anniversary.

Committee Reports

Extension -- The committee will meet on December 7 to discuss the agenda for the ESM meetings in January.

Undergraduate -- Roger Brown said the deadline for students to apply for the Student Opportunity Fund is November 15. Jill Stowe, Kenny Burdine, Will Snell and Tyler Mark volunteered to review student applications. Students will have the opportunity to apply again in the Spring.

Departmental Support -- Rita Parsons said the committee is finalizing details for the Holiday Luncheon on December 19.

Awards -- Will Snell said nominations for AAEEA are due February 8, 2019.

New Business

Proposals from Undergraduate Committee – Roger Brown provided a handout (see attached) with several recommendations / motions:

- 1) Put AEC 101 or, if necessary, AEC 110 through the Senate approval process – **Motion approved**
- 2) Approve a USP with the Martin School to allow AEC undergrad students to count two courses (either AEC 532, AEC 545, or AEC 580) as electives in the Martin School's MPA program and allow two courses from the Martin School (PA 652: Public Policy Economics and PA 621: Quantitative Methods of Research) to count as Specialty Support courses – **Motion Approved**
- 3) Put AEC 306 through the Senate approval process to convert it from 2 to 3 credits. – **Motion Approved**
- 4) Seek approval from the ECO faculty to cross-list ECO 472G as AEC 473G – **Motion Approved**
- 5) Include all WRD courses can count towards the Specialty Support requirement with advisor approval except for WRD203 (Business Writing). Amended **Motion Approved**

Vision for Graduate Program – Carl Dillon provided information on the 5 goals the committee has developed for discussion (see attached):

Major recommendations embodied within the vision for graduate programming are:

1. Focus upon three graduate study tracks (Agricultural Marketing and Consumer Behavior, Production Management and Regional Economic Development).
2. Obtain enough grant funding annually to support ten beginning graduate students for the duration of their program.
3. Reduce time to completion of degree (four years for PhD and two years for MS) through changes in coursework, student performance evaluation, expectations and a mandatory course offering guidance on research methodology.
4. Remove the PhD macroeconomic sequence requirement to reduce required hours.
5. Establish three new courses: Research Methodology, Extension Methodology and Spatial Analysis.

He requested that any feed back concerning proposal be sent via email to all faculty (aecfac@lsv.uky.edu) so that everyone will have the same information.

Next meeting – The next meeting will be on Friday, December 7th at 2:00 p.m. in Rm. 341.

Submitted by *Rita Parsons*

Brown, Roger

From: Barnett, Barry
Sent: Friday, March 08, 2019 12:54 PM
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Subject: RE: Faculty Meeting Minutes (11/14/18 and 2/20/19)

Yes, that is my recollection.

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Hello Barry,

The University Senate requires documentation of the how many people voted for a particular curricular proposal, not just whether the motion passed / was approved or not. The minutes from November 11, 2018 and February 20, 2019 included a variety of curricular proposals. Can you reply to this email to confirm that your memory is the same as mine, namely that those motions were approved at those meetings unanimously (i.e., all in favor).

Thanks,

Roger

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Brown, Roger

From: Toma, E
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Subject: University Scholars Program

Roger, The Martin School held its monthly faculty meeting on February 12, 2019. The 9 (1 faculty absent) faculty voted in support of the Undergraduate Scholars Program proposal with the Department of Agricultural Economics. We look forward to working with you following approval of this proposal. Genia Toma, Director of Graduate Studies, MPA and MPP

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