MEMORANDUM

TO: Bruce Gardiner  
Interim Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

FROM: Victor Korenman  VK  
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Add a Minor in Resource and Agricultural Policy in Economic Development (PCC Log No. 04004)

At its meeting on September 10, 2004, the Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses approved your proposal to add a minor in Resource and Agricultural Policy in Economic Development. A copy of the approved proposal is enclosed. A copy of the minor curriculum will be posted online at http://www.provost.umd.edu/minors.

This approval is effective immediately. All advisors should be notified and the College should ensure that the approved guidelines are followed.

VK: sfm
Enclosure

Cc: Dr. Sylvester J. Gates, Chair, Senate PCC  
Dr. Mary Giles, University Senate  
Ms. Barbara Hope, Data Administration  
Dr. Phyllis Peres, Undergraduate Studies  
Ms. Anne Turkos, Archives  
Dr. Leon Slaughter, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Dr. Linda Yokoi, Records & Registrations
DATE SUBMITTED: April 6, 2004

COLLEGE/SCHOOL: AGNR

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM: AREC

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD xDELETE CHANGE

DESCRIPTION (Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide old and new sample programs for curriculum changes.)

Add minor in Resource and Agricultural Policy in Economic Development

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.)

Provides interested students with a coherent field of study in economic analysis of policies influencing agriculture and resource use in developing countries.

No new resources are required.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES

1. Department Committee Chair

2. Department Chair

3. College/School PCC Chair

4. Dean

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)

6. Chair, Senate PCC

7. Chair of Senate

8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost

DATE

4/6/04

5/11/04

5/13/04

6/10/04

7/10/04

VPAAP Rev. 3/1/04
Proposed Minor: Resource and Agricultural Policy in Economic Development

Primary sponsoring unit: AREC

Faculty coordinator of the minor: AREC undergraduate coordinator (currently Prof. Howard Leathers)

Advising system for the minor: Students will be advised by faculty advisors who serve as members of the AREC Undergraduate committee and who also advise AREC undergrads.

Title for the transcript: Resource and Agricultural Policy in Economic Development

Description of the minor:

AREC 250 Elements of Agricultural and Resource Economics
Prerequisites: none
Credits: 3

AREC 365 World Hunger, Population and Food Supplies
Prerequisites: none
Credits: 3

AREC 433 Food and Agricultural Policy
Prerequisites: ECON 306, which has prerequisites: ECON 200, 201, MATH 220
Credits: 3

AREC 445 Agricultural Development, Population Growth, and the Environment
Prerequisites: ECON 306, which has prerequisites: ECON 200, 201, MATH 220
Credits: 3

AREC 453 Natural Resources and Public Policy
Prerequisites: ECON 306, which has prerequisites: ECON 200, 201, MATH 220
Credits: 3

Total Credits: 15

Another AREC course can be substituted for one of the courses listed with permission of the AREC Undergraduate Coordinator.

Justification:

This minor provides students with economic knowledge to apply to analysis and understanding of policies affecting agriculture and resource use in developing countries. The 400 level courses are a truncated version of the upper-level course requirements of the AREC major. These courses focus particularly on economic analysis relevant to agricultural and development policy. AREC 365 is a course on world food supply and demand intended primarily for non-AREC majors. AREC 250 is an introductory course giving students an overview of the subject.
Resource Availability. During recent years, AREC 445 filled to capacity once; all of the other courses have not filled to capacity; therefore, resource availability is not an issue.

Target population: Any student who has taken ECON 306 (intermediate microeconomics) can complete this minor. ECON 306 is required of all ECON majors, and ENSP students in the environmental economics concentration, and is taken to fulfill a requirement by many BMGT majors.