January 25, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cheng-i Wei
   Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

FROM: Phyllis Peres
      Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to modify the curriculum of the B.S. in Agricultural and Resource Economics (PCC log no. 07035)

Your proposal to modify the curriculum of the B.S. in Agricultural and Resource Economics has been administratively approved. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The changes are effective Spring, 2008. The College should ensure that the changes are fully described in the Undergraduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

CWR/

Enclosure

cc: Carmen Balthrop, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
    Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
    Laura Slavin, University Senate
    Barbara Hope, Data Administration
    Denise Nadasen, Institutional Research & Planning
    Anne Turkos, Archives
    Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
    Scott Wolpert, Undergraduate Studies
    Leon Slaughter, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
    John Doerr, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

DIRECTIONS:
- Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1 - 4 for each proposed action. Keep this form to one page in length.
- Early consultation with the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs is strongly recommended if there are questions or concerns, particularly with new programs.
- Please submit the signed form to Claudia Rector, Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.
- Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.

DATE SUBMITTED: November 2, 2007

COLLEGE/SCHOOL: AGNR

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM: AREC

PROPOSED ACTION: (A separate form for each) ADD_____ DELETE_____ CHANGE____X__

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 the following requirement to the AREC curriculum:

Students must receive a grade of C or better in prerequisite courses, major core courses, and field requirements. “C or better” means any grade for which the University awards 2.0 or more quality points in calculating GPA.

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.)

This brings AREC into conformity with most other undergraduate programs. In addition, the ECON department intends to enforce a C or better rule for prerequisites for ECON 306 which is a required course for AREC majors. It is needlessly confusing for AREC to have one grade standard for some courses and another grade standard for other courses.

APPROVALSIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date
1. Department Committee Chair: Howard Leathers
   Signature: [Signature]
   Date: 11/2/07

2. Department Chair: Bruce Gardner
   Signature: [Signature]
   Date: 11/30/07

3. College/School PCC Chair: Mark Warner
   Signature: [Signature]
   Date: 1/7/07

4. Dean:
   Signature: [Signature]
   Date: 12/10/07

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required):

6. Chair, Senate PCC:

7. Chair of Senate:

8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost:
   Signature: [Signature]
   Date: 1/25/08