MEMORANDUM

TO: Craig Beyrouty
    Dean, College of Agricultural and Natural Resources

FROM: Elizabeth Beise
    Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Discontinue the Minors in Agribusiness Economics; Environmental Economics and Policy; and Resource and Agricultural Policy in Economic Development (PCC Log No. 16064)

The proposal to discontinue the minors in Agribusiness Economics; Environmental Economics and Policy; and Resource and Agricultural Policy in Economic Development has been administratively approved. A copy of the proposal is attached.

The change is effective Fall 2017. Please ensure that the change is fully described in the Undergraduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials.

MDC/
Enclosure

cc: Andrew Harris, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
    Barbara Gill, Office of Enrollment Management
    Reka Montfort, University Senate
    Chip Denman, Division of Information Technology
    Pam Phillips, Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment
    Anne Turkos, University Archives
    Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
    Cynthia Stevens, Office of Undergraduate Studies
    Joseph Sullivan, College of Agricultural and Natural Resources
    Jim Hanson, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics
University of Maryland PCC
Program/Curriculum/Unit Proposal

Program: AREC Minors: #AG01, #AG02, and #AG03

Department/Unit: AREC
College/School: AGNR

Proposal Contact Person (with email): Jill Janofsky, jjanofsk@umd.edu

Type of Action (check one):
- Curriculum change (includes modifying minors, concentrations/specializations and creating informal specializations)
- Curriculum change is for an LEP Program
- Rename a program or formal Area of Concentration
- Establish/Discontinue a formal Area of Concentration
- Other: Discontinue/retire minors

Establish a new academic degree/certificate program
Create an online version of an existing program
Establish a new minor
Suspend/Discontinue a degree/certificate program
Establish a new Master or Certificate of Professional Studies program
New Professional Studies program will be administered by Office of Extended Studies

Approval Signatures - Please print name, sign, and date. For proposals requiring multiple unit approvals, please use additional cover sheet(s).

1. Department Committee Chair
   Name: Howard Learmers
   Signature: [Signature]

2. Department Chair
   Name: James Henson
   Signature: [Signature]

3. College/School PCC Chair
   Name: Mark Carroll
   Signature: [Signature]

4. Dean
   Name: Joe Sullivan
   Signature: [Signature]

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)

6. Chair, Senate PCC
   Name: Andrew Harris
   Signature: [Signature]
   Date: 5/5/17

7. University Senate Chair (if required)
   Name: Elizabeth Beine
   Signature: [Signature]
   Date: 5/25/2017

Instructions:
When approved by the dean of the college or school, please send the proposal and signed form to the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus-5031, and email the proposal document as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.

Summary of Proposed Action (use additional sheet if necessary):
The AREC department would like to retire/ discontinue the following minors: Agribusiness Economics (#AG01), Environmental Economics and Policy (#AG02), and Resource and Agricultural Policy in Economic Development (#AG03). When these minors were originally adopted, we believed that they could be taken without additional prerequisites by ECON and BMGT majors. However, for most students, there are too many "hidden prerequisites" in the required courses for these minors. Only students who have completed AREC 326 or ECON 326 are eligible to take almost all courses needed for these minors. Enrollment in these minors has been extremely low in recent years.

Unit Code(s) (to be entered by the Office of Academic Planning and Programs):
Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AREC)

Agribusiness Economics Minor

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Environmental Economics and Policy Minor

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Resource and Agricultural Policy in Economic Development Minor

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Re: Questions about Proposal to Discontinue 3 AREC Minors

1 message

Jill Janofsky <jjanofsk@umd.edu> Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 3:24 PM
To: Michael D Colson <mcolson@umd.edu>

Hi Mike,

That is an accurate count of all students in these minors.

Students who are currently enrolled in these minors will be able to take any of the AREC courses that are needed to fulfill their minor requirements, with the caveat that all 400-level AREC courses (which are needed in all of these minors) require AREC 326/ECON 326 as a pre-requisite. So as long as these students complete this pre-requisite, they will be able to finish their minors, and we will advise them accordingly. We are also willing to accept upper-level AREC courses with similar content (but not on the approved list) as substitutes with advisor approval.

Let me know if you need any further information.

Jill

On Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 3:20 PM, Michael D Colson <mcolson@umd.edu> wrote:

Hi Jill,

I am writing In regard to the proposal to discontinue the 3 AREC minors:
http://www_provost.umd.edu/ProgDocs/16-17/16064_AGNR_AREC_DiscontinueMinorsinAREC.pdf

Could you confirm for me the spring 2017 enrollments for these minors?
I have the following:
#AG01 Minor: Agribusiness Economics 4 students
#AG02 Minor: Environmental Economics and Policy 9 students
#AG03 Minor: Resource & Agricultural Policy in Econ Dev 1 students

Also, could you let me know how the current students in the minors will be accommodated? They should be allowed to finish the minor. Will the courses needed to finish the minors still be available?

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Mike

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