Materials linked from the May 22, 2014 Curriculum Council agenda.

Applied Economics
(Formerly Agricultural & Resource Economics)
Course Designator Change Request

We would like to change the current designator of AREC to AEC to reflect the new name of our department (effective Fall 2013).

Purpose: The proposed subject code should have an identified purpose within the curricular structure of Oregon State University.

1. What academic programs or credentials, including credentials, options, and minors will be served by courses within the designator?
The Applied Economics Department
Undergraduate Majors:
Agricultural Business Management
Environmental Economics & Policy
Undergraduate Minors:
Agricultural Business Management
Natural Resource & Environmental Law & Policy
Resource Economics

2. In what ways do the general area and scope of the content constitute a coherent body of knowledge?
Not applicable.

3. Is the proposed usage of the designator consistent with practice at OSU and other institutions?
Give examples.
Yes. Since our graduate program is already designated as AEC, we would like for our undergraduate courses to have a similar designator.

Accountability: Responsibility for the integrity and oversight of the proposed subject code should be clearly identified.

1. What is the academic home of the designator?
College of Agricultural Sciences, Applied Economics Department

2. Who is responsible for administering courses in the designator, e.g. scheduling, catalog updates? Who are the faculty contact persons?
Tjodie Richardson (tjrichardson@oregonstate.edu) schedules courses and provides updates to appropriate entities. The faculty contact person is Susan Capalbo (susan.capalbo@oregonstate.edu; professor and Department Head of AEC)

3. Who is responsible for consistency and outcome assessment for courses in the designator?
Susan Capalbo (susan.capalbo@oregonstate.edu) Brianna Beene (brianna.beene@oregonstate.edu)

4. Which unit(s) get credit for the SCH generated by courses in the subject code?
The Applied Economics Department
5. **Who is responsible for communication and liaison regarding the new designator to stakeholders, including academic units, advisors, Admissions, and students?**
   Susan Capalbo (susan.capalbo@oregonstate.edu)
   Brianna Beene (brianna.beene@oregonstate.edu)

**Impacts:** Who will benefit from the new designator and what changes will result from its implementation?

1. **Will courses in the new designator duplicate or compete with existing ones?**
   No.

2. **Are there expected cross-listings or curricular equivalencies?**
   None expected.

3. **How will the new designator affect transfer credits?**
   No effect. We will continue to evaluate transfer credits on a case by case basis and make the appropriate substitutions where necessary.

4. **Will any previous existing designators expire as the new one appears?**
   AREC

5. **How will the new designator benefit students?**
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