# Renaming an Academic Program Proposal Agricultural and Food Business Management - BS, HBS

Status: Pending Review - Curriculum Council Chair

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# **Proposal**

Proposal ID:101675 Type:Renaming an Academic Program Submission Date:February 7, 2018 9:02am Comments:*None* 

# **Originators**

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# **Proposal Details**

Program Type:Undergraduate Major Current Program Name:Agricultural Business Management - BS, HBS New Program Name:Agricultural and Food Business Management - BS, HBS

# **Supporting Documents**

DOCUMENTS
* Signed Transmittal Sheet
TransmittalSheetsigned.pdf (60.87 Kb added Oct 10, 2017 9:49 am)
* Executive Summary
ABM-AFBMJustification.pdf (92.46 Kb added Oct 10, 2017 9:51 am )
* Proposal
ABM-AFBMCATIProposal.pdf (123.71 Kb added Oct 05, 2017 9:51 am)
* Letters of Support
Brent Fetsch SupportLetterExternal.pdf (94.07 Kb added Oct 05, 2017 9:51 am )
Accessibility Form
Library Evaluation
Faculty CVs
Other Attachments
<u>AFBM17-18checksheet.pdf</u> (74.56 Kb added Oct 10, 2017 9:52 am )

# \* Liaisons Penny Diebel Request: SupportLetterInternal.pdf (137.07 Kb added Feb 07, 2018 8:56 am) Response: None BUDGET INFORMATION \* Budget Year 1 AFBMBudgetSheet.pdf (7.51 Kb added Feb 07, 2018 9:00 am ) \* Budget Year 2 AFBMBudgetSheet.pdf (7.51 Kb added Feb 07, 2018 9:00 am ) \* Budget Year 3 AFBMBudgetSheet.pdf (7.51 Kb added Feb 07, 2018 9:00 am ) \* Budget Year 3 AFBMBudgetSheet.pdf (7.51 Kb added Feb 07, 2018 9:00 am )

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# **Proposal Transmittal Sheet**

Full Category I and Abbreviated Category I Proposals

Submit proposals to: Office of Academic Programs, Assessment, and Accreditation 314 Waldo Hall – Oregon State University

Attach Transmittal Sheet; Proposal; Library Evaluation (performed by the Library for Full Category I proposals), Letters of Support (external to OSU); Liaison Correspondence (internal to OSU), External Review (new graduate program proposals), and Budget Information (both OSU and HECC budget sheets for Full Category I proposals and OSU budget sheets for Abbreviated Category I proposals)

Full Category I Proposals: New Programs  Final Approval—for new degrees, extension to OSU's branch campus, and substantive changes: Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)	Abbreviated Category I Proposals: Other Proposals  Final Approval—for new academic units, renames, reorganizations,				
Final Approval— for new certificate programs: OSU Provost	and, suspensions: OSU Provost				
Check one:	Final Approval for terminations: OSU Board of Trustees  Check one:				
New Degree Program  New Certificate Program  Extend Program to OSU Branch Campus  Substantive Change	Establish: new college, school, department or program  Rename: change the name of an existing academic program or academic unit  Reorganization: move the responsibility of an academic program from one academic unit to another; reorganize existing academic unit(s), including mergers and splits  Suspension (or Reactivation): suspend an academic program (maximum period: three years)  Termination: terminate an academic program or academic unit				
Title of Proposal:	Proposed Effective Term:				
Agricultural and Food Business Management	Fall Term 2018				
School/Department/Program:	College:				
Applied Economics	Agricultural Sciences				
administrators and committees. I approve this proposa	17 JEWNIFER ALIX-GARCIA				
Sign (Department/School Chair/Head; Director) Date    July   July   10/6   Sign (College Dean) Date	Print (Chair/Head; Director)  17 W. Daniel Edge, Assoc. Dean Print (College Dean) CAS				

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Proposed new name for major: Agricultural and Food Business Management

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A. Location – Note, no change in organizational structure is associated with this proposal.



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- 2. By recognizing fundamental shifts in the Oregon, US, and global agricultural and food systems, our department has been able to continue to serve its traditional undergraduate student profile (i.e., students with a strong ag/farm background, who at post-matriculation seek management positions in production agriculture and allied industries, often within their own family operations). Changes to course titles, updates in course content, broadened efforts for undergraduate recruitment and placement upon graduation have been done seamlessly, since these changes are consistent with

the evolving needs of these traditional students. The changes have the added benefit of broadening the relevance, appeal and career opportunities for our students who do not meet our traditional student profile (i.e., students with a more suburban/urban background and/or a stronger interest in food systems, food manufacturing, food distribution/retailing and food service). Given the market demands for traceability of agricultural and food products, highly coordinated supply chains and a much greater emphasis on consumer preferences permeating back to agricultural producers and their input suppliers, a name change to our major that would now include both "agricultural" and "food" signals that our academic objectives, functions and activities reflect today's market realities.

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- 4. This proposed change in name of our major was vetted by and subsequenty approved unanimously by the members of our department's Undergraduate Program Committee, and have the support of our faculty as a whole, our Department Head and the CAS Assistant Dean for Academic Programs. Given that the name change for the major is the last remaining step in our programmatic shift to an "agricultural and food systems" approach, there is proven support and acceptance of these changes within the department.

### C. Resources

- 1. Staffing and Resource Needs A priority staffing need position for a tenure-track assistant professor in agribusiness was hired in 2016. This person is now teaching AEC221. Of the other changes already approved, the current course load of the department's Faculty does not support the teaching of AEC 466. The Department's hope is that we can successfully lobby our Dean for an additional priority staffing hire in support of our overall agribusiness program (which includes not only undergraduate instruction, but also research, outreach and graduate courses). Otherwise, all other changes are being implemented with currently available departmental resources.
- 2. Not applicable.
- 3. Not applicable.

# D. Mission – How this change in the name of our major supports OSU's mission

- 1. This proposal strongly supports the mission of OSU, touching on that mission's three Signature Areas of "Advancing the Science of Sustainable Earth Ecosystems, Improving Human Health and Wellness, and Promoting Economic Growth and Social Progress." A shift from "agriculture (i.e., farm) business management" to "agricultural and food business management" supports an integrated program of study of the economics and business of sustaninable food systems, food systems that create both private benefits (e.g., profits) and public benefits (e.g., health and wellness), and food systems that contribute significantly to Oregon's economy. Further, this name change is consistent with emerging trends within our discipline and peer institutions throughout the US and beyond, thus reinforcing the University's vision to be a top-10 land grant university. And finally, the name change supports OSU's overall goals of providing an "excellent teaching and learning environment" to achieve student "success through graduation and beyond", as this new name for the major signals to employers, alumni and industry leaders that our program is actively engaged in preparing our students not only for the agricultural and food system of today but of tomorrow as well.
- 2. We anticipate no direct negative impacts from this name change, other than some initial confusion among alumni and academic advisors across campus and at community colleges around the state, but that confusion will be overcome relatively easily and quickly as people learn about the change. We believe that the impact will be positive, as our graduating seniors will have an easier time

"marketing" their major to potential employers, especially those who have not hired our graduates in the past. Another potential positive impact will be that our department's reputation with industry leaders will be enriched.

Other departments across campus that may be impacted include the Food Science & Technology Department, several majors within the College of Business, and possibly the College of Public Health and Human Sciences' bachelor program in Nutrition, Nutrition and Food Service Systems option. All of these other academic programs differ substantively from the AEC major in terms of course requirements, academic disciplines of teaching faculty and placement of graduating seniors. Hence, the impacts of having the "shared" use of the word "food" is readily mitigated and is superficial rather than substantive. Evidence of that is already clearly proven in the plus-30-year long precedent of the "shared" use of the words "agricultural", "business" and "management" that comprise the existing name of the major, which was established in the early 1980s.

# E. Strategic Plan, the effects thereon...

The Applied Economics Department will continue its long-term plans and commitments to its undergraduate program and the majors within that program. As noted previously, the name change proposed in this document is consistent with an already existing shift in our agribusiness undergraduate curriculum and teaching focus. Hence, the name change is congruent with our long-term plans to offer an undergraduate degree program that is relevant and reflective of globally inter-connected and inter-dependent agricultural and food systems. The name change supports the OSU's Phase III strategic plan by demonstrating our efforts within the AEC Department to reflect the university's stated plan to offer "transformative educational experiences" (i.e., by helping students enrolled in our major understand the broader, systemic nature of agricultural and food systems).

# F. External Impacts

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- 2. The effect of the proposed name change on other constituencies outside of OSU: As noted previously, the name change will signal to alumni, potential employers who may hire our graduating seniors and to industry leaders in general, that the department is focusing its undergraduate teaching program on a "systems" view of today's agricultural and food markets. This is a perspective widely held by these outside constituencies.

### G. Accreditation

No accreditation body or professional society exists for this degree program.



# **Oregon State University**

# **Abbreviated Category I Proposal**

# Establish; Rename, Reorganize, Suspend, and Terminate

Final Approval: OSU Provost (Exception: Terminations -- final approval is by the OSU Board of Trustees)

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- C. Objectives, Functions, and Activities: Provide a list of proposed objectives, functions (e.g., instruction, research, public services), and activities of the academic unit(s) or academic program(s).
  - 1. Explain how the academic unit(s) or academic program(s) current objectives, functions, and/or activities will be changed. Where applicable, address issues such as course offerings, program requirements, admission requirements, student learning outcomes and experiences, and how the advising structure and availability will be changed as a result of this proposal.
  - 2. Describe how the reorganized program be stronger than the existing program.
  - 3. Explain how the outcomes in the reorganized academic unit(s) or academic program(s) will be assessed.
  - 4. Describe the extent to which affected faculty and staff support this change.
- D. Resources: Identify the resources that will either be needed or will be saved. Include information regarding personnel (administrators, faculty, staff, graduate assistants), the FTE change for academic and classified), and facilities/equipment.
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     What will be the FTE changes? Note any impact on the budgets of affected academic unit(s) or academic program(s). Provide an analysis of how the resulting academic unit(s) or academic program(s) will be adequately staffed and funded.
  - 2. Complete the OSU budget pages of Recurring, One-Time, and Summary tables. What is the budget impact of the proposal (new funding needs or resources saved)?
  - 3. If new resources will be required (e.g., for new faculty positions, graduate research/teaching assistants, facilities, equipment, etc.), explain where these resources will be coming from. Specify internal reallocation, Ecampus, college, OSU, federal, state, private, other funding sources or combination of funding sources. [Note: College Deans, as well as academic unit or academic program administrators will be required to sign a transmittal sheet signifying their approval and commitment to providing the required funding resources for the proposal.]
- E. Mission: Identify the relationship of the proposed change to the academic unit or academic program with OSU's mission.

http://leadership.oregonstate.edu/trustees/oregon-state-university-mission-statement

1. How will the proposed change to the academic unit(s) or academic program(s) support OSU's mission, vision, and goals?

- 2. Describe the potential positive and negative impacts of the proposed changes on the academic unit(s) and/or academic program(s) involved. Identify other OSU academic units or academic programs which might be affected, and describe the potential positive and negative impact on their mission and activities.
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- G. External Impacts: What is the relationship of the proposed academic unit(s) or academic program(s) to other institutions in the Oregon?
  - 1. What is the current relationship of the proposed academic unit(s) or academic program(s) with other higher education institutions in the Oregon? Describe how this relationship might be altered based on the proposed change.
  - 2. Describe how the proposed change will affect other constituencies outside of OSU (e.g., federal state, local, private).
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# **Appendices**

# **A** Transmittal Sheet

Attach a transmittal sheet signed by the dean and school/department/program administrator.

# **B** Budget Tables

Attach OSU budget pages; identify new or saved dollars. [Note: all proposals have budgetary impacts, including costs associated with changes to existing signage, letterhead, business cards, web pages, etc.

### C Letters of Support and Liaison Comments

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October 2, 2017

# To Whom It May Concern:

Northwest FCS supports agriculture and rural communities with consistent and reliable credit and other financial services, today and tomorrow. In Oregon, we employ 100 people at our 11 locations to serve over 4,000 customers statewide. Those customers represent growers, processors and marketers of Oregon's highly diverse agriculture, food and fiber industries. The diversity stems not only from growing over 240 crops, but also in the food systems employed. For example, Oregon ranks 5<sup>th</sup> for the number of organic farms and is among the top 10 for local food systems and farmers market collaborations. There are many elements to diversity of Oregon agriculture.

The recognition by CAS faculty of the need to update the Agricultural Business Management degree to Agricultural and Food Business Management is timely. We recruit future Northwest FCS trusted advisors from Oregon State Universities College of Agricultural Sciences graduates every year. While those graduates continue to impress us with their academic preparations, the proposed degree title change more aptly describes the expectations we have as an employer and the foundational knowledge they must have to serve our customers. We serve all agriculture – not just small or big. Therefore, we are looking for graduates who understand our diverse agriculture and food systems today.

For those reasons, I support the recommendation to change the Agricultural Business Management degree to Agricultural and Food Business Management.

Sincerely,



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# AGRICULTURAL and FOOD BUSINESS MANAGEMENT MAJOR (Code No. XXX) 2017-18 CHECKSHEET

Name:	Minor:				
CORE REQUIREMENTS (all calsses in	-		higher)		
Discovering Agricultural and Res. Econ.	AEC 121	(1)		C- or above	
Agricultural and Food Management	AEC 211	(4)		C- or above	
Agricultural and Food Marketing	AEC 221	(3)		C- or above	
Intro. to Env. Econ. & Policy	AEC 250	(3)		C- or above	
<b>OR</b> Intro. to Ag. & Food Econ.	AEC 251	(3)		C- or above	
<b>OR</b> Intro. to Microeconomics	ECON 201	(4)		C- or above	
Introduction to Macroeconomics	ECON 202	(4)		C- or above	
Inter. Applied Econ. I: Prod. and Cons.	AEC 311	(4)		C- or above	
Agricultural Business Management	AEC 442	(4)		C- or above	
Ag. and Food Policy Issues	AEC 461	(4)		C- or above	
Ag. and Food Financial Management	AEC 465	(3)		C- or above	
Ag. and Food Marketing Management	AEC 466	(4)		C- or above	
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:					
Projects or Internship	AEC 406 or 41	0 (6)			
4 classes from AEC or additional upper	division courses	not liste	d from al	ove or below or approved by	
advisor - 2 must be AEC courses					
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION					
Financial Accounting	BA 211	(4)		C- or above	
Managerial Accounting	BA 213	(4)		C- or above	
Business Law I	BA 230	(4)			
<b>BUSINESS COURSES - upper division</b>	- choose two cou	rses			
Business Process Management	BA 302	(4)			
International Business	BA 347	(4)			
Managing Organizations	BA 351	(4)			
Managing Ind. and Team Performance	BA 352	(4)			
Operations Management	BA 357	(4)			
Introduction to Financial Management	BA 360	(4)			
Marketing	BA 390	(4)			
Family Business Management	BA 463	(4)			
Financial Institutions	FIN 441	(4)			
Consumer Behavior	MRKT 492	(4)			
Advertising Management	MRKT 493	(4)			
Retail Management	MRKT 495	(4)			
Global Marketing	MRKT 497	(4)	_		
COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY -	choose one cours	se			
Computer Applications in Agriculture	AG 111	(3)			
Computer Appls. and Implications	CS 101	(4)			
MATHEMATICS					
College Algebra	MTH 111	(4)	_	C- or above	
Calculus for Mgmt. and Social Science	MTH 241	(4)		C- or above	

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STATISTICS Introduction to Statistical Methods	ST 351	(4)		C- or above	
QUANTITATIVE COURSES - choose two courses					
Introduction to Applied Econometrics	AEC 446	(4)			
Agricultural Price and Market Analysis	AEC 447	(4)			
Introduction to Econometrics	ECON 424	(4)			
Introduction to Statistical Methods	ST 352	(4)			
ADDITIONAL WRITING COURSE	WR 323 or 327	(3)		C- or above	
COMMUNICATIONS					
Writing I	WR 121	(3)		C- or above	
Writing II	WR 214/222	(3)			
Writing III	COMM 111/114	(3)			
HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES					
Lifetime Fitness for Health	HHS 231	(2)			
Lifetime Fitness or Activity Course (PAC)	HHS 241 - 248	(1)			
SYNTHESIS (Must be in different depart	ments)				
Contemporary Global Issues		_			
Science, Tech. & Society		_			
PERSPECTIVES (Only 2 courses allowed	d in same dept.)				
Physical Science		_			
Biological Science		_			
1 add'1 Phys/Bio Science		_			
Western Culture		_			
Cultural Diversity		_			
Literature & the Arts		_			
Social Processes		_			
Diff., Power & Discrim.		_			





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OSU Academic Programs Committee and Curriculum Council:

As Assistant Dean of Academic Programs for the College of Agricultural Sciences, I am writing in support of the Applied Economics proposal to change the name of their current undergraduate degree of Agricultural Business Management to Agricultural and Food Business Management.

The proposed degree title reflects both changes in the curriculum of the current ABM degree and the larger disciplinary changes across agricultural economics and business programs in the U.S. The Applied Economics department has been changing course content and titles to reflect a larger perspective of business in the agricultural sector. Agricultural economics and business has always included as part of their disciplinary studies all of the sectors along the food chain, including production, processing, and consumption. Current consumer knowledge tends to attach perceptions to large commodity production to the term agriculture. Growth in consumer demands for organic, local and other specialty products and processing has attracted attention to not just "agricultural" production but "food", in its many forms. Following this trend, many departments across the nation, as documented in the proposal, have been including "food" in their identities, both departmental and degrees.

The diversity of academic and research studies in the College of Agricultural Sciences well supports this name change. From agronomics to fermentation, the entire food chain is studied in CAS. A degree, and appropriate title, which studies the business side of these processes is highly valued and appropriate.

The change will have little to no financial effects on the department or college. While the new title will enhance recruiting opportunities.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Dean for Academic Programs

College of Agricultural Sciences

Budget Sheet for Agricultural and Food Business Management

Category I Proposal – 101675

The internal reallocation expense will be a one-time expense at around \$500 to change webpages, checksheets and business cards.

There will be no external expense.