MEMORANDUM

TO: Graduate Council

FROM: Joe T. Davis
Associate Dean for Instruction

The College of Agriculture has reviewed and recommends approval for the changes in the following programs. Also attached is the notification memo to the Deans, Department Chairs and Members of the University Senate for these changes.

**Plant and Soil Science Master’s Degree Program**
Add PPA 640 and PLS 671 to the disciplinary portion of the core curriculum.

**Agricultural Economics Master’s Degree Program**
Delete ECO 590 and STA 570 as required courses in Plan A.
Delete ECO 590, ECO 401 and STA 570 as required courses in Plan B.
Change distribution of course levels required to 9 hours of AEC at 600+ level; 12 hours at 600+ and 12 hours of AEC in Plan A only.

**Agricultural Economics Doctoral Degree Program**
Delete AEC 660 and AEC 661 from required courses.
Add AEC 661 as one of the options under the required distribution of courses within program.
**REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM**

Program: **Doctor of Philosophy**

Department/Division: **Agricultural Economics**

College: **Agriculture**

Degree Title (Old): ____________

Degree Title (New): ____________

CIP Code: **D 0103 AGEC**

Accrediting Agency (if applicable): ____________

I. **PROPOSED CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

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<td>5. Total credit hours required (if applicable)</td>
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<td>6. Required courses (if applicable)</td>
<td>Choose ECO 704 or 705</td>
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<td>7. Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)</td>
<td>Choose four from: AEC 606, 620, 626, 640 and 645</td>
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NOTE: To the extent that changes in 6 or 8 above involve additional courses to other programs, please include documentation from the program(s) pertaining to the availability of such courses.
II. RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S)
   If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.

   The department has not offered AEC 660 for almost 10 years. The instructor retired and no one currently in our department is able to teach that course.

   The department feels that AEC 661 is an important course, but it is not one that all Ph.D. students should be required to take. Therefore, it is included as one of the choice "core" courses within the department.

Signatures of Approval:

[Signature]
Department Chair

[Signature]
Dean of the College

[Signature]
*Undergraduate Council

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*University Studies

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*Graduate Council

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Academic Council for the Medical Center

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Senate Council

*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL

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