July 9, 2001

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 MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM

Program: Master of Science

Department/Division: Agricultural Economics

College: Agriculture

Degree Title (Old):

CIP Code: M 0103 AGEC

Current Major (New):

HEGIS Code:

Accrediting Agency (if applicable):

CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. Number of transfer credits allowed
   (Graduate School limit: 9 hours or 25% of coursework)

   Residence requirement (if applicable)

2. Language(s) and/or skill(s) required

3. Termination criteria

4. Plan A requirements*
   - ECO 590, ECO 601
   - ECO 602

5. Plan B requirements*
   - ECO 590, ECO 601
   - ECO 602 or ECO 401

6. Distribution of course levels required
   (At least one half must be at 600+ level & two thirds must be in organized courses)

   Plan A only: 12 hours at 600+ level
   Plan B only: 9 hours of AEC at 600+

7. Required courses (if applicable)

8. Required distribution of courses within program
   (if applicable)

   Choose two courses from
   - AEC 606, AEC 620, AEC 626
   - AEC 645, AEC 640

   Final examination requirements

* If there is only one plan for the degree, plans involving a thesis (or the equivalent in studio work, etc.) should be discussed under Plan A and those not involving a thesis should be discussed under Plan B.

NOTE: To the extent that proposed changes in 5, 6 or 8 above involve the addition of courses in other programs, please submit correspondence from the other program(s) pertaining to the availability of such courses to your students.
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Any other requirements not covered above

II. RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S)

not needed for our M.S. level requirements. We have found that many of our students view the STA 570 course as too remedial and not necessary before they take our course in quantitative methods that is required of M.S. students (AEC 624). Many of our M.S. students might take STA 570, but we don't believe it should be required of all M.S. students. We have eliminated the requirement that M.S. students choose two courses from a list of 600-level options. To replace that we require that students take any two 600+ level AEC classes (providing more flexibility for the students).

Signatures of Approval:

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Date of Notice to the Faculty

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Date of Notice to University Senate

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

ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL

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