

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs

AGENDA ITEM: 7 – K

DATE: June 28-30, 2016

SUBJECT: Name Change Request – SDSU

South Dakota State University has submitted two requests seeking authorization to rename two departments within the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences. The first request specifies renaming the Department of Plant Science to the Department of Agronomy, Horticulture, and Plant Science. The second request is to rename the Department of Dairy Science to the Department of Dairy and Food Science. Supporting letters outlining this request are provided in Attachments I and II, respectively.

DRAFT MOTION 20160628_7-K: I move to approve SDSU's request to rename the Department of Plant Science to the Department of Agronomy, Horticulture, and Plant Science; and to rename the Department of Dairy Science to the Department of Dairy and Food Science



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May 26, 2016

To: Dr. Barry Dunn, President

From: Dr. Dennis Hedge, Interim Provost *DH*

I have received a request from Interim Dean Daniel Scholl to rename the Department of Plant Science within the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences to the Department of Agronomy, Horticulture, and Plant Science. Department faculty, following thorough review, have determined that this change would more prominently display the department's areas of study. We believe this name change will assist current and future students in recognizing the full range of undergraduate and graduate programs offered by the department. Further, we believe this change will stimulate the curiosity of students and channel that interest into a vibrant intellectual experience.

I am supportive of the Department name change to the Department of Agronomy, Horticulture, and Plant Science effective July 1, 2016. The original request from the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences is attached to this memo. If you approve, I would request that we forward this to the Board of Regents for approval at the June meeting.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

I approve this name change.

Barry H. Dunn
6-1-16.



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To: Dennis D. Hedge, Ph.D.
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From: Daniel T. Scholl, D.V.M, M.P.V.M., Ph.D.
Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences
Director of the South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station

CC: David Wright, Ph.D.
Department Head of Plant Science

Date: May 25, 2016

Subject: Department Name Change

On May 9, 2016, the Plant Science faculty approved, by majority vote, to change the name of the department to Agronomy, Horticulture, and Plant Science. This name change is critically needed to help increase student enrollment in our horticulture discipline. Our Plant Science faculty believe that undergraduate student enrollment can increase if the horticulture degree is prominently featured.

The proposed name Agronomy, Horticulture, and Plant Science highlights the three degrees currently offered to undergraduate and graduate students. Prominently displaying our areas of study will create an atmosphere of intellectual excitement for students and faculty who are passionate about their chosen disciplines. We believe this will stimulate the curiosity of students and channel that intellectual interest into the structured framework of a modern horticulture curriculum and ultimately create a vibrant intellectual experience for them at SDSU.

The College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences requests that the proposed name change be effective July 1, 2016, in order to take advantage of recruiting efforts that will impact student enrollment in the FY17 academic year.



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June 3, 2016

To: Dr. Barry Dunn, President

From: Dr. Dennis Hedge, Interim Provost ^{DH}

I have received a request from Interim Dean Daniel Scholl to rename the Department of Dairy Science within the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences to the Department of Dairy and Food Science. During the past academic year, Food Science was formally integrated into the existing Dairy Science Department that includes Dairy Production and Dairy Manufacturing at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Department faculty, following thorough review, have determined that the proposed change would more accurately reflect the department's areas of study. I concur that the proposed name change will assist current and future students in recognizing the full range of undergraduate and graduate programs offered by the department. Further, I believe this change will stimulate the curiosity of students and channel that interest into a vibrant intellectual experience.

I am supportive of the Department name change to the Department of Dairy and Food Science effective July 1, 2016. The original request from the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences is attached to this memo. If you approve, I would request that we forward this to the Board of Regents for approval at the June meeting.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

*I approve this requested
name change. Barry H. Dunn
6-3-16*



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Director of the South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station

CC: Vikram Mistry, Ph.D.
Department Head of Dairy Science

Date: June 3, 2016

Subject: Department Name Change

The purpose of this memo is to request a name change of the Dairy Science Department to Dairy and Food Science Department. During the FY16 academic year Food Science was formally integrated into the existing Dairy Science Department that includes Dairy Production and Dairy Manufacturing at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Included in the integration were 2.5 FTEs plus an additional FTE from strategic reinvestment funds. These faculty members specifically have expertise in Food Science. Also included are graduate (M.S., and Ph.D.) and undergraduate (B.S.) programs in Food Science. Efforts are already underway to seek Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) Approval of the undergraduate Food Science program. Dairy Science and Food Science complement each other very well and there is the opportunity for both program to grow in terms of student numbers, research depth and breadth and extension activities that will serve the dairy and food industries in very effective ways in the years to come.

The proposed name highlights the three degrees currently offered to undergraduate and graduate students. Prominently displaying our areas of study and expertise in name will create an atmosphere of intellectual excitement for students, faculty, staff and stakeholders who are passionate about their chosen disciplines. It will also enhance recruiting efforts for students, faculty and staff.

The College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences requests that the proposed name change be effective July 1, 2016, in order to take advantage of recruiting efforts that will impact student enrollment in the FY17 academic year.