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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN NAME OF A DEGREE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY STUDIES WITH A MAJOR IN FAMILY STUDIES

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the College of Agriculture's Master of Science in Family Studies with a major in Home Economics to Master of Science in Family Studies with a major in Family Studies, effective in the fall 2005 semester.

Background: In January 1991 the name of the College of Home Economics was changed to the College of Human Environmental Sciences to more accurately reflect the programs of the unit and to project an image congruent with the goals and mission of the college and the university. The proposed change in the major should have been made as part of the college renaming.

Since the merger of the College of Agriculture and the College of Human Environmental Sciences, the Department of Family Studies faculty are requesting the change to reflect the national trend. For many, the term Home Economics brings forth thoughts of cooking and sewing, which are only a very small part of a contemporary program in Family and Consumer Sciences. The name of the current major does not represent the scope of learning, research, and work represented by the Master of Science degree in Family Studies. Many of the students in the program are pursuing certification in Marriage and Family Therapy. Others are looking at careers in social agencies or as Family and Consumer Science extension specialists.

This proposal has the approval of the Undergraduate Council, Senate Council, and University Senate. The Interim Provost of the university supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____