SPECIAL REPORT

of the

ACADEMIC MATTERS, ACADEMIC PRIORITIES, GRADUATE AND PROGRAM AND BUDGET COUNCILS

concerning the

CREATION OF THREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN THE STOCKBRIDGE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE: SUSTAINABLE FOOD & FARMING, TURFGRASS SCIENCE & MANAGEMENT, AND SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE

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Background
The Stockbridge School of Agriculture (SSA) is proposing to create three new Bachelor of Science degree programs:

- Sustainable Food & Farming
- Turfgrass Science & Management
- Sustainable Horticulture

These three programs correspond to concentrations (Sustainable Food & Farming, Turfgrass Science & Management, and Horticulture, respectively) in the current Bachelor of Science program in Plant, Soil & Insect Sciences (PSIS). As described in a separate proposal, the portion of PSIS that is primarily focused on agriculture will be reorganized as a new academic department in the College of Natural Sciences, to be designated as the Stockbridge School of Agriculture. As part of that reorganization, three A.S. degree programs currently hosted in PSIS (Fruit & Vegetable Crops, to be renamed Sustainable Food & Farming; Turfgrass Management; and Horticulture, to be renamed Sustainable Horticulture) will be transferred to SSA. This proposal calls for transferring the corresponding three B.S. concentrations, and changing their status to separate B.S. degree programs. The curricula for the proposed new B.S. programs will be essentially the same as those of the existing concentrations.

The proposal notes that this reconfiguration will allow students in the A.S. degree programs offered by SSA to transfer seamlessly to the corresponding B.S. degree programs. No new resources will be required since the proposed new programs will use the same resources as programs currently in place and authorized by the University. The goal in subdividing and renaming current programs is to better serve the students who want to focus on critical aspects of food production and marketing, education and public policy. It is anticipated that this new 2+2 arrangement (A.S. transitioning directly into B.S.) will attract new students into the Stockbridge School of Agriculture.

AMC Observations
The proposal includes the full curriculum and list of faculty for each of the new majors. When the proposed new B.S. programs have been approved by the Board of Higher Education, the corresponding concentrations in the B.S. in PSIS will be discontinued.

AMC Recommendation
The Academic Matters Council recommends approval of the proposed creation of three Bachelor of Science Degree Programs in the Stockbridge School of Agriculture.

ACADEMIC PRIORITIES COUNCIL
At its meeting on April 17, 2012, the Academic Priorities Council approved the following changes in degree programs in the department to be known as the Stockbridge School of Agriculture:

i. retitling of the A.S. in Fruit & Vegetable Crops to A.S. in Sustainable Food and Farming;
ii. retitling the A.S. in Horticulture to A.S. in Sustainable Horticulture;
iii. retitling the B.S. in Plant, Soil & Insect Sciences (concentration in Turfgrass Science & Management) to the B.S. in Sustainable Food & Farming;
iv. retitling the B.S. in Plant, Soil & Insect Sciences (concentration in Turfgrass Science & Management) to the B.S. in Turfgrass Science and Management; and
v. retitling the B.S. in Plant, Soil & Insect Sciences (concentration in Horticulture) to the B.S. in Sustainable Horticulture.
The Academic Standards and Curriculum Committee (ASCC) of the Graduate Council met on March 29, 2012 and reviewed the B.S. Degrees in the Stockbridge School of Agriculture. The ASCC recommended this proposal for approval.

On Wednesday, April 11, 2012, the Graduate Council met and approved the B.S. Degrees in the Stockbridge School of Agriculture.

**PROGRAM AND BUDGET COUNCIL**

At its meeting on April 18, 2012, the Program and Budget Council approved this proposal after finding that it requires no new resources and describes an appropriate reallocation of existing resources.

*(The three Bachelor of Science Degree Programs: Sustainable Food & Farming, Turfgrass Science & Management, and Sustainable Horticulture are available for review at [link].)*

**MOVED:** That the Faculty Senate approve the Creation of three Bachelor of Science Degree Programs in the Stockbridge School of Agriculture: Sustainable Food & Farming, Turfgrass Science & Management, and Sustainable Horticulture, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 12-045.