

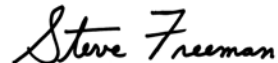
December 6, 2005

In December 2004, the faculty of the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Department approved a recommendation from the ABE Graduate Programs Committee to change the name of the department's technology graduate programs (M.S. and Ph.D.) from "Industrial Education and Technology" to "Industrial and Agricultural Technology." This request is the result of the merger of the Industrial Education and Technology department with the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Department on July 1, 2004. The faculty feel that the change in name more accurately reflects the scope of the technology graduate program after the departmental merger. In addition to the current areas of emphasis (manufacturing technology, occupational safety, and training and development) a new area of emphasis in agricultural systems technology will be added. We are requesting no areas of specialization at this time. Students admitted prior to the approval of the name change will be given the option of remaining under the current degree name or moving forward to the new name. This change has no impact on the Department's graduate program in Agricultural Engineering or the department's undergraduate degree programs in Industrial Technology, Agricultural Systems Technology, and Agricultural Engineering.

The University of Iowa has no related programs. The University of Northern Iowa has a graduate program in Industrial Technology leading to an Masters of Arts Degree in Technology (M.A.) or a Doctor of Industrial Technology (DIT). However, the UNI graduate programs were not competing for the same students prior to the merger and we feel that this change further delineates the differences between the two graduate programs.

This name change was approved by the College of Agriculture Curriculum Committee in September 2005. This name change was approved by the university Graduate Curriculum and Catalog Committee in December 2005.

Sincerely,



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