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TO: Wade Miller
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FROM: Greg Miller
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RE: Name change.

On January 23, 2008, faculty in the Department of Agricultural Education and Studies voted unanimously to change the name of the Agricultural Education major to Agriculture and Life Sciences Education. We request your assistance in seeking all necessary approvals to make this change official.

Our rationale for this name change is consistent with the rationale¹ that was articulated by Dean Wintersteen in changing the name of the College of Agriculture to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Approximately one-third of the courses in this program reflect the breadth of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences course offerings. One of the outcomes of this curriculum is that students will develop a broad base of knowledge in the agriculture and life sciences.

Some of the anticipated advantages of this change include:

- The name more accurately reflects the focus of the curriculum.
- Enhanced recruitment and retention of students.
- Clarity about the fact that the program is much broader in focus than production agriculture.
- Better reflection of the contributions made to this program by various agriculture and life sciences disciplines.

¹ <http://www.ag.iastate.edu/news/nameletter.php>