

**IDAHO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION
NOTICE OF INTENT**

**To initiate a
New, Expanded, Cooperative, Discontinued, program component or Off-Campus Instructional
Program or Instructional/Research Unit**

Institution Submitting Proposal: UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO
 Name of College, School, or Division: COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES
 Name of Department(s) or Area(s): PLANT, SOIL & ENTOMOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Indicate if this Notice of Intent (NOI) is for an Academic or Professional Technical Program
 Academic XX Professional - Technical _____

This is a New, Expanded, Cooperative, Contract, or Off-Campus Instructional Program, or
 Administrative/Research Unit (circle one) leading to:

**Discontinue BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGROECOLOGY, HORTICULTURE AND
 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

(Degree or Certificate)

Proposed Starting Date: Summer 2009

For New Programs:

For Other Activity:

Program (i.e., degree) Title & CIP 2000

- Program Component (major/minor/option/emphasis)
- Off-Campus Activity/Resident Center
- Instructional/Research Unit
- Addition/Expansion
- Discontinuance/consolidation
- Contract Program
- Other

Dean's signature on file **2/18/09**

_____ College Dean (Institution)	_____ Date	_____ VP Research & Graduate Studies	_____ Date
_____ Chief Fiscal Officer (Institution)	_____ Date	_____ State Administrator, SDPTE	_____ Date
_____ Chief Academic Officer (Institution)	_____ Date	_____ Chief Academic Officer, OSBE	_____ Date
_____ President	_____ Date	_____ SBOE/OSBE Approval	_____ Date

Before completing this form, refer to Board Policy Section III.G., Program Approval and Discontinuance.

1. Briefly describe the nature of the request e.g., is this a new program (degree, program, or certificate) or program component (e.g., new, discontinued, modified, addition to an existing program or option).

The Plant, Soils and Entomological Sciences Department is discontinuing the program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Agroecology, Horticulture, and Environmental Quality.

2. Provide a statement of need for program or a program modification. Include student and state need, demand, and employment potential. **Attach a Scope and Sequence, SDPTE Form Attachment B, for professional-technical education requests.** (Use additional sheets if necessary.).

The BS in Agroecology, Horticulture, and Environmental Quality has enrolled a very low number of students (graduating approx. 10 per year) in recent years. However, it is anticipated that combining these disciplines into a combined degree program and dropping this standalone degree will make it even more difficult to recruit students into an area where industry indicates they are having a hard time finding graduates to fill job openings.

3. Briefly describe how the institution will ensure the quality of the program (e.g., accreditation, professional societies, licensing boards, etc.).

Discontinuing the BS in Agroecology, Horticulture, and Environmental Quality will have no effect on continuing programs of the Plant, Soils and Entomological Sciences Department.

4. Identify similar programs offered within the state of Idaho or in the region by other colleges/universities. If the proposed request is similar to another program, provide a rationale for the duplication. This may not apply to PTE programs if workforce needs within the respective region have been established.

None offered.

Enrollment and Graduates (i.e., number of majors or other relevant data)
 By Institution for the Proposed Program
 Last three years beginning with the current year and the 2 previous years

Institution	Relevant Enrollment Data			Number of Graduates		
	Current	Previous Year	Previous Year	Current	Previous Year	Previous Year
BSU						
CSI						
CWI						
EITC						
ISU						
LCSC						
NIC						

UI						
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Degrees offered by school/college or program(s) within disciplinary area under review

Institution and Degree name	Level	Specializations within the discipline (to reflect a national perspective)	Specializations offered within the degree at the institution
BSU			
CSI			
CWI			
EITC			
ISU			
LCSC			
NIC			
UI			

5. Describe how this request is consistent with the State Board of Education's policy or role and mission of the institution. (i.e., centrality).

Not applicable.

6. Is the proposed program in the 8-year Plan? Indicate below.

Yes X No _____

If not on 8-year plan, provide a justification for adding the program.

8. Resources--Faculty/Staff/Space Needs/Capital Outlay. (Use additional sheets if necessary.):

Estimated Fiscal Impact	FY _____	FY _____	FY _____	Total
A. Expenditures				
1. Personnel	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Operating	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Capital Outlay	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Facilities	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL:	0	0	0	0
B. Source of Funds				
1. Appropriated- reallocation	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Appropriated – New	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Federal	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Other:	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL:	0	0	0	0
B. Nature of Funds				
1. Recurring *	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Non-recurring **	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL:	0	0	0	0

* Recurring is defined as ongoing operating budget for the program, which will become of the base.

** Non-recurring is defined as one-time funding in a fiscal year and not part of the base.

Notice of Intent (NOI) Approval Tracking Form

Committee Chairs please append this document to the relevant NOI and send it forward to the next committee for review.

Committee: Academic Programs Advisory Committee, CALS

Program/Degree: B.S. P.S.E.S.

Discussion:

The Chair opened discussion, but no issues were raised concerning this NOI. No discussion occurred.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 opposed

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Committee: University Curriculum Committee Date: 2/23/09

Present: Richard Battaglia, Jill Dacey (Chair), Gail Eckwright, Walter Hesford, Allen Kitchel, John Marshall, Mark Secrist, Bob Stone, Richard Wells, Jeanne Christiansen, Jean Henscheid, Rod Hill, Nancy Krogh, Heidi Anderson, Garrett Holbrook, Joel Zwainz.

Absent: Ruprecht Machleidt.

Others Present: Margrit Von Braun, Paul Joyce (substitute for Ruprecht Machleidt), Chris Thompson, Paul Rowland, Kathy Browder, James (Ding) Johnson, Andrew Brewick, Janet Rachlow, Robert Zemetra, Kathy Aiken, James Connors, Carl Hunt, Sandra Evenson, 1 Other Guest, Charles Tibbals, Dwaine Hubbard

Program/Degree: Create the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Life Sciences (B.S.Ag.L.S.) and the majors of: Agricultural Science, Communication and Leadership; Agricultural Systems Management; and Sustainable Crop and Landscape Systems with emphases in: Insects and Society; Soil and Water Resources; Sustainable Cropping Systems; Environmental Horticulture; and Plant Biotechnology.

Discussion:

UCC-09-095, 09-096, 09-097, 09-098, & 09-106 College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Following an extensive discussion concerning all of these NOIs the committee voted to consider items UCC-09-095, 09-096, 09-097, 09-098, & 09-106 together as one single motion.

The committee first reviewed the proposed Notice of Intent (NOI) (**UCC-09-096**) from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education (B.S.Ag.Ed.) major in Agricultural Education Agricultural Industry Management and Communication Option. The committee approved the proposed NOI 12 for and 0 against.

The committee then reviewed the proposed Notice of Intent (NOI) (**UCC-09-097**) from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Agroecology, Horticulture and Environmental Quality degree (B.S.Agroecol.Hort.Enviro.) and its associated options. Committee member Wells asked about the statement that indicated the department felt that enrollments would drop with the proposed name change (see UCC-09-095). Bob Zemetra noted that the change is not by choice. Committee member Krogh asked if this series of changes was nothing more than one-to-one name changes. Ding Johnson noted that these changes were completed in haste to meet the proposed timelines. Zemetra highlighted the frequency of name changes for the plant, soil and entomological sciences majors has hurt their ability to market their majors. Committee member Secrist asked if these changes would strength the agriculture program or diminish them. Zemetra indicated he felt it would do both for PSES. Better names for their major would aid in marketing, but the lack of specific degrees would hurt some. Jim Connors indicated that he felt the change would strength the program due to the inclusion of the leadership components. The committee approved the motion to defer vote of UCC-09-097 until UCC-09-095 has been considered (no formal vote count recorded).

The committee then reviewed the proposed Notice of Intent (NOI) (**UCC-09-095**) from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to create the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Life Sciences degree (B.S.Ag.L.S.) and the majors of: Agricultural Science, Communication and Leadership; Agricultural Systems Management; and Sustainable Crop and Landscape Systems with emphases in: Insects and Society; Soil and Water Resources; Sustainable Cropping Systems; Environmental Horticulture; and Plant Biotechnology. Committee member Wells asked if this new degree would save money or cost money. The committee noted that the enrollment data combined the enrollments from all programs being dropping that are being subsumed into this proposed degree. Committee chair Dacey asked why the vote of 1 approve, 1 deny and 5 abstentions from the college curriculum

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committee (APAC) on this NOI. Andrew Brewick reviewed APAC's vote and provides some of the comments to the committee from Dean Hammel. Dacey asked what positions were not being filled that provided the savings listed on the NOI. Ding Johnson indicated that the positions not being filled were: Plant Pathology and Undergraduate Horticulture. Bob Zemetra provided insight on why the emphases were divided up as they have been. Zemetra also commented that it is the department's hope that the new names will be more attractive to students and will aid in marketing. Johnson and Brewick explained that the college intends to develop a Core Discovery course aimed primarily at agricultural students and would encourage their students to take it. Dacey asked if there was really only 4 agricultural courses that is being required of all 3 majors under the B.S.Ag.L.S. Zemetra noted that all the programs coming together on this degree are radically different from each other and finding a common set of courses between them all is challenging especially given the short time span this all had to be accomplished in. Committee members Holbrook and Zwainz noted their opposition to this proposed NOI. The committee discussed tabling NOIs 09-095, 09-096, 09-097, 09-098, & 09-106 until more of their questions could be answered by the departments involved in this new program. Johnson noted that modifying courses to better fit into a common core will take time to accomplish. Johnson further added that it is his feeling that the new names are an improvement and will aid in marketing. Committee member Eckwright asked how the department would market this major. Zemetra provides some ideas on how the department might approach that. Committee member Hill asked if the department had considered more coordination with Washington State University (WSU). Johnson and Zemetra indicated that the department is currently working with WSU to create a greater level of cooperation between the two institutions.

The committee approved a motion to reconsider UCC-09-096 12 for and 0 against.

The committee denied a motion to defer items UCC-09-095, 09-096, 09-097, 09-098, & 09-106 until next meeting 4 for and 7 against with 1 abstention.

The committee approved the motion to consider items UCC-09-095, 09-096, 09-097, 09-098, & 09-106 together 12 for and 0 against.

The committee **Denied** the proposed NOIs 0 for and 10 against with 2 abstentions, and will forward the proposed NOIs to Faculty Council for review.

Note:

UCC-09-095 – Create the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Life Sciences (B.S.Ag.L.S.) and the majors of: Agricultural Science, Communication and Leadership; Agricultural Systems Management; and Sustainable Crop and Landscape Systems with emphases in: Insects and Society; Soil and Water Resources; Sustainable Cropping Systems; Environmental Horticulture; and Plant Biotechnology.

UCC-09-096 – Discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education (B.S.Ag.Ed.) major in Agricultural Education Agricultural Industry Management and Communication Option.

UCC-09-097 – Discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Agroecology, Horticulture and Environmental Quality degree (B.S.Agroecol.Hort.Envirn.) and its associated options.

UCC-09-098 – Discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Systems Management degree (B.S.A.S.M.) and its associated options.

UCC-09-106 – Discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science and Technology degree (B.S.Ag.Sci.Tech.) and its associated major.

Vote: Denied – 0 for and 10 against with 2 abstentions