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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences to change the name of the Undergraduate Certificate in Integrated Pest Management to the Undergraduate Certificate in Plant Health Management will be an agenda item for the August 25, 2017, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Alison F. Alexander, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
    Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

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NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

School/College: College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Department: Plant Pathology

Certificate Name Change

Current Certificate Name: Undergraduate Certificate in Integrated Pest Management

Proposed Certificate Name: Undergraduate Certificate in Plant Health Management

Justification:

Although the term Integrated Pest Management (IPM) has been in use since the 1970s to describe a multidisciplinary approach toward managing arthropod pests, plant diseases, and weeds, IPM has come under increased criticism for being reactive, focused mostly on optimization of pesticide applications, and lacking integration among the plant protection disciplines (e.g., Ehler, L. E. and Bottrell, D. G. 2000. “The Illusion of Integrated Pest Management.” Issues in Science and Technology 16(3), http://www.issues.org/16.3/ehler.htm). Moreover, the term "pest" often evokes images of household insect pests among students and the general public rather than the broad range of biotic and abiotic agents that affect crop and amenity plantings in agricultural and horticultural settings. To address these concerns and emphasize the need for a holistic and preventative approach toward understanding and managing biotic and abiotic constraints in crop production, we request that the name of the Certificate in Integrated Pest Management be changed to Certificate in Plant Health Management.

The proposed name change was supported unanimously in a Department of Plant Pathology faculty meeting on 31 May 2017.
Proposal: Name change from Certificate in Integrated Pest Management
To Certificate in Plant Health Management

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