

**Background Statement:**

Senate Voted on:

The Agenda listing on the Consent Agenda for November 8, 2010:

[Proposal from the College of ACES to establish the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education \(ALSE\) Program](#)

Educational Policy

EP.11.09

Proposal title passed by Educational Policy Committee (EPC) on October 25, 2010 after revisions made by sponsor based on recommendations by EPC:

Establish the Agricultural Education Program in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

The body of the proposal which was included for Senators to vote on contained the correct title and also the revised proposal that was approved by EPC.

EPC is requesting correction of the historical record. The item passed by the Senate previously should be listed as EP.11.09 - Establish the Agricultural Education Program in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

## PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

### PROPOSAL TITLE:

Establish the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

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### BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) proposes to establish the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program. As one of the interdisciplinary programs in ACES, the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program will offer an undergraduate major (ALSE) and a Master of Science in Agricultural Education. The Agricultural Leadership and Science Education undergraduate major will include all existing Agricultural Education (AGED rubric) courses and will provide two curricular concentrations. A formal proposal to create the undergraduate major has been submitted. The MS in Agricultural Education includes four previously approved curricular options; a proposal to revise the MS degree program has been submitted.

### JUSTIFICATION:

The overarching objective of the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education (ALSE) program is to develop an interdisciplinary agricultural teacher education and leadership program that is nationally recognized for its educational quality, contributions to research, and service to the profession. The specific objectives of the program are to invigorate the teacher preparation program and leadership education program at the undergraduate level, to provide support to a proposed campus-wide leadership studies minor, to strengthen the online and residential Master's programs in agricultural education, and to ultimately develop a doctoral program in agricultural education. In addition, faculty members will contribute through research and service to scholarship in the field of agricultural education. As a result of these efforts, we expect that the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program at Illinois will once again be recognized as one of the premier programs in the nation.

The Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program is proposed to be a college-wide, interdisciplinary program. This is a significant change from the current model in which the Agricultural Education program is housed within the Department of Human and Community Development in the College of ACES. Relocating the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program to the College of ACES Office of Academic Programs will provide the Program with greater visibility in its interdisciplinary, college-wide role. Furthermore, the

dissolution of the current Agricultural and Environmental Communications and Education (AECE) major, which includes the undergraduate Agricultural Communications concentration (which is moving to a new administrative home in the College of Media), has resulted in the need to restructure the curriculum and create the new Agricultural Leadership and Science Education major. The relocation of the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program to ACES Academic Programs will create a unique opportunity for the growth and maturation of the new major. As a college-level program, new opportunities exist to integrate education and leadership scholarship with those of the disciplines represented in the seven departments of ACES.

The Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program prepares students to become leaders as agricultural educators whether they use their educator skills as high school teachers in a formal education setting or as leaders and non-formal educators in Extension, instructional design and evaluation, organizational consulting, or community development and outreach. The Program will prepare undergraduate and graduate students for careers in the agricultural, life, and environmental sciences education and develop science literacy regarding the role and importance of the agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources in everyday life. The Program will provide enhanced opportunity for interdisciplinary interactions among faculty and staff in ACES through their common teaching interests and educational goals.

#### **BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

**a. Additional staff and dollars needed:** The current program has four faculty members who provide instruction in the AGED courses, and has recently hired one additional tenure-track faculty member who will begin August, 2010. The Program also employs at least three adjunct instructors. These instructional staff will be able to meet the demands of providing the undergraduate and graduate courses within the major. No additional funding is required beyond the funding already provided.

**b. Internal reallocations (e.g., changes in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.):** Currently, many AG ED courses have capacity for additional students. Refocusing the Program is expected to increase the number of majors and enrollment in each of the curricula. This is expected to bring class size, teaching loads, and student-faculty ratios in line with similar campus programs. The Program will not require internal reallocations beyond those already initiated or planned.

**c. Effect on course enrollment in other departments and explanation of discussions with representatives of those departments:** Effects on course enrollments in other departments will be modest and have been addressed as part of the proposals for the new Agricultural Leadership and Science Education undergraduate major and revisions to the MS in Agricultural Education curriculum.

**d. Impact on the library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.:** The proposed Program would not create any additional hardships on current UIUC academic facilities and services including but not limited to library use, computing use, or any additional equipment.

**Clearances:** (Clearances should include signatures [sponsor, department head, dean] and dates of approval)

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Provost Representative:

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Educational Policy Committee Representative:

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**STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:**

NOTE: Statements for the Programs of Study Catalog have been submitted with the curriculum proposals for the new Agricultural Leadership and Science Education undergraduate major and the revised MS in Agricultural Education curriculum.

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Spring semester, 2011.

Appendix A: Frequently asked questions

Appendix B: Proposal for the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education undergraduate major and descriptions of the concentrations

Appendix C: Proposal for the revision of the Master of Science in Agricultural Education

Appendix D: List of AGED courses

## **Appendix A: Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Overview**

The goal is to establish a interdisciplinary unit in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) to be known as the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program (ALSE). The overarching objective of this Program is to develop an agricultural teacher education and leadership program that is nationally recognized for its educational quality, contributions to research, and service to the profession. The specific objectives of the Program are to invigorate the teacher preparation program and leadership education program at the undergraduate level, to provide support to a proposed campus-wide leadership minor, to strengthen the online and residential Master's programs in agricultural education, and ultimately to develop a doctoral program. In addition, faculty in the Program will contribute through research scholarship in agricultural education. As a result of these efforts, we expect that the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program at Illinois will once again be recognized as one of the premier programs in the nation.

### ***What will be the administrative structure of the Program?***

The Program will be administered out of the Office of Academic Programs in the College of ACES. The Program will be directed by a Program Director who is appointed by the Dean of the College of ACES. The Program Director will report to the Associate Dean for ACES Academic Programs. The Program Director will be responsible for the overall leadership of the program. This person will provide leadership for program development including strategic planning, annual reviews of faculty members, coordinating mentoring committees for tenure track faculty members, strengthening relationships with stakeholders, managing budget decisions, developing and revising courses, and other needs. The Program Director will participate in the College of ACES administrative meetings and will be included in meetings between the Department Heads and Associate Deans.

### ***Who will have membership in the Program?***

The primary membership of faculty and staff in the ALSE Program are those faculty members with titles in "Agricultural Education." Tenure-track faculty in the ALSE Program will hold tenured appointments in one of the seven departments in ACES. This appointment will be determined by mutual agreement between the department, the ALSE Program Director, and the incoming faculty member, at the time that the faculty member is first hired. General expectations for the responsibilities the individual faculty member will hold in their home department, as well as to the ALSE program, will be formalized in a memorandum of understanding, and will be subject to approval by the Dean.

Joint appointments in more than one department will follow the campus guidelines for joint appointments.

In addition, all faculty in the College of ACES will be eligible to be affiliated with the program and can request to be reviewed for a zero-time appointment. If funding allows, a larger percent time appointment may be made. Expectations for the responsibility of this affiliate faculty member to the ALSE Program will be determined by mutual agreement between the affiliate faculty member, the Program Director for ALSE Program, and the home department of the affiliate

member. These expectations will be formalized in a memorandum of understanding, and will be subject to approval by the Dean.

***Who will make appointments to membership of the Program?***

Appointments will be made by the Dean with the concurrence of the Associate Dean for Academic Programs, the Program Director for ALSE Program, and the Head of the Department in which the faculty member will be affiliated.

***How will annual reviews of personnel be handled in the Program?***

The annual review of the faculty and teaching associates will be conducted by the Program Director of the ALSE Program.

***Will new faculty members in the Program receive mentoring from experienced faculty members?***

Yes. All new tenure-track faculty in the Program will be appointed a mentoring committee composed of two or three tenured faculty members from ACES, including at least one tenure-track faculty member from the department that holds the tenure appointment. The mentoring committee will be established within the first academic year of the faculty member's appointment.

***How will Faculty Reviews and Promotion and Tenure be handled in the Program?***

Procedures outlined in Communication Number 9 will be followed. The Program Director of the ALSE Program will serve as the "executive officer" for the purposes of preparing the candidate dossier for Promotion and Tenure and administering the review process. To ensure that each faculty member receives a unit-level review from peers who are most knowledgeable about scholarship in the Agricultural Education discipline, the Program Director will recommend to the Dean of ACES the formation of a unit-level Promotion and Tenure Committee for the purpose of third-year and/or promotion and tenure review. This committee will be composed of no less than three senior faculty members with primary or affiliated appointments in the ALSE Program and will include at least one member from the department that holds the tenure appointment. In the event that there are not three senior faculty members with appropriate affiliations, the Dean will appoint an appropriate committee.

Following the usual procedures, the next level of review for promotion and tenure will be conducted by the College of ACES Promotion and Tenure Committee.

***How will faculty and staff in the Program participate in College Governance?***

Faculty in the ALSE Program will be eligible for election to the College of ACES Executive Committee and College policy committees, and have voting rights for all college elections and decision-making votes, as a member of the department that holds their tenure appointment.

***What support services will be available for the Program?***

The program will be assigned one 1.0 FTE secretary which will be responsible for faculty support, student records, financial recording keeping, and personnel transactions. These arrangements will be reviewed each year to ensure that the program has appropriate support.

***How will the Program receive its annual budget?***

The ALSE Program will be provided with its own budget resources by the College of ACES. The budget resources will be managed by the Program Director.

***Will the Program be responsible for any academic programs?***

Yes. A new major of Agricultural Leadership and Science Education has been submitted for approval as described by the campus Levels of Governance. Graduate curricula in Agricultural Education have been revised by faculty in the Program and have been submitted for approval as described by the campus Levels of Governance. Undergraduate and graduate programs that offer certification in teacher education have been designed to meet standards set by the Illinois State Board of Education.

***Will the Program receive advisory oversight from the College?***

Yes. The Dean will appoint a Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) that will support the Program Director and offer guidance to support the further development of teaching, research and outreach programs. The FAC will be composed of three or four senior faculty members from ACES who have an interest in agricultural education. This FAC will help set specific progress indicators and timelines for the program to achieve including: instructional units, number of undergraduate majors and graduate students, research productivity (publications, funding, national preeminence), and student placement. Progress on these indicators will be reviewed annually by the Administrative and Executive Committees of the College of ACES.

***Will there be an External Advisory Committee for the Program?***

Yes. The Agricultural Leadership and Science Education Program will establish and maintain an External Advisory Committee that will include representatives from stakeholder groups, alumni, and other individuals who can provide input and link the program to external sources of resources and support. Advisory committee members will be appointed by the Dean in keeping with College policy.



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September 20, 2010

Abbas Aminmansour, Chair  
Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Office of the Senate  
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Aminmansour:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of ACES to establish the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education (ALSE) Program.

This proposal has been approved by the College of ACES' Executive Committee. It now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kristi A. Kuntz'.

Kristi A. Kuntz  
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Enclosures

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September 3, 2010

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Dear Kristi:

Please find enclosed a hardcopy version of the proposal to create a new Program in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education (ALSE) within the College of ACES. It is identical to the electronic version that I submitted to you earlier this summer. Included is the page of signatures as requested.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'F. William Simmons'.

F. William Simmons  
Assistant Dean, College of ACES

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cc: L. F. Kramer  
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