Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE: Revision of the Minor in Horticulture in the Department of Crop Sciences in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

SPONSOR: Frederic L. Kolb, Cavanah Professor of Plant Breeding and Genetics, Crop Sciences Teaching Coordinator, 333-9485, f-kolb@illinois.edu

COLLEGE CONTACT: Laurie Kramer, Associate Dean, Academic Programs, 333-3380, lfkramer@illinois.edu

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Department of Crop Sciences proposes the following changes to the Horticulture minor.

- Removal of 6 HORT classes that have been discontinued and are no longer offered
  - These courses were removed due to low enrollment (6/10 violations), faculty and Teaching Associate retirements, and the new direction of the Horticulture curriculum
- Addition of 5 new HORT courses into the list of courses to course choices
  - HORT 434 and HORT 475 are in the approval process
  - HORT 360 has been approved
  - HORT 435 and HORT 482 are existing courses which offer advanced level understanding of production in urban agriculture and plant propagation and research respectively
- Addition of HORT 341 as an option to taking HORT 240
  - There is a time conflict that many Landscape Architecture students have with HORT 240, making it difficult to complete the Horticulture minor
    - Many of the students enrolled in the Horticulture minor are in Landscape Architecture
    - Both courses will provide knowledge of plant production. HORT 240 focuses on propagation methods while HORT 341 broadly covers greenhouse production, which includes propagation.
- Addition of HORT 240 to the list of course choices
  - For students interested in taking both HORT 341 and HORT 240 to obtain a background in plant production

JUSTIFICATION: The Department of Crop Sciences proposes changes to the Horticulture minor. The proposed changes are in response to low enrollment in a number of courses which have made the teaching of the courses sporadic and the student desire to take them very low. To go along with the demand being low, several faculty and Teaching Associates have retired making it difficult to continue to offer courses in specialized areas once they are gone.
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The industry itself has shifted from ornamental horticulture toward urban agriculture, and to better fit the needs of our students, new courses have been developed to provide a solid background in the urban agriculture area. The additions and removals of courses in the horticulture minor are to give the students the best instruction to allow them to go into their field of study with the best horticulture education possible.

**BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:** *(Please respond to each of the following questions. Place your response right after each item. See Appendix A for questions required of new degree program proposals as well additional notes regarding budgetary and staff implications.)*

**Additional staff and dollars needed**

The proposed revisions do not create a need for additional resources; however, in order for the department to maintain this program into the future there is a need to commit to current staffing levels. It is understood within the department that funds will be required to continue to pay existing Academic Professionals who are involved in providing instruction in several courses both new and already established. As senior faculty members who are heavily involved in teaching classes in this curriculum retire over the next few years, strategic decisions will need to be made about hiring new faculty members or Academic Professionals to assume these teaching responsibilities or shift to focus on newer areas of horticulture.

**Internal reallocations (e.g., change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.)**

Our intent is that the revision of this minor will enhance and update the program and that enrollment in the horticulture courses will increase as a result. Currently, a number of the horticulture classes have small enrollments so additional students populating these classes will be beneficial. There is capacity available, and the faculty members in the horticulture area are willing to develop revised classes and teach classes with larger enrollments. It is not anticipated that an additional 5-15 students per year in this minor will exceed the course enrollment capacity of these horticulture classes.

**Effect on course enrollment in other units and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments**

While we hope to attract more students to the horticulture minor, a realistic increase is probably 50 % or 8 students. It is not anticipated that an additional 5-15 students per year in any of the horticulture classes will impact course enrollments in classes outside of the Crop Sciences Department. No changes in class enrollments outside of horticulture are anticipated as a result of the changes to the minor.

**Impact on the University Library**

No impact is expected. Please see letter from the ACES library.

**Impact on computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.**


No impact is expected on computer labs. Some labs within horticulture may have larger enrollments, but, as indicated, there is capacity available at this time. If necessary, additional lab sections will be added to courses as required to meet demand.

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** We would like to implement these revisions as soon as possible, but we understand that they must be approved at a number of levels. Ideally, we would like to have the effective date be Fall semester of 2015. Ideally, approvals will be completed in time to admit students into the revised concentrations in Fall 2015.

**STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:** See attached appendix.
CLEARANCES: (Clearances should include signatures and dates of approval. These signatures must appear on a separate sheet. If multiple departments or colleges are sponsoring the proposal, please add the appropriate signature lines below.)

Signatures:

[Signature]

Unit Representative: 

[Signature]

College Representative: 

[Signature]

Graduate College Representative: 

Date: 2-13-15

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Council on Teacher Education Representative: 

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Appendix A:
(Budgetary and Staff Implications)
Appendix B:

University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

December 19, 2014

Frederic L. Kolb
Cavanagh Professor of Plant Breeding and Genetics
Crop Sciences Teaching Coordinator
AE-120 Turner Hall
1102 S Goodwin
M/C 046

Dear Dr. Kolb:

Thank you for giving the University Library the opportunity to review the Department of Crop Science’s proposal to the Senate Committee on Educational Policy. Per the proposal sent to the University Library, the department is recommending the elimination of the Horticulture major and the establishment of a concentration in Horticultural Food Systems leading to the Bachelor of Science. Additionally, the proposal recommends the revision of two concentrations (Crop Agribusiness and Plant Biotechnology and Molecular Biology) and the revision of the Horticulture minor in the Department of Crop Sciences in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

Based upon a review of the draft proposal that we received from you on December 18, 2014, it is our belief that there will be no significant impact on our operations or collections.

If additional services or materials are required as the program develops, we will be happy to discuss those needs as they emerge.

Sincerely,

John P. Wilkin
Dean of Libraries and University Librarian

cc: Thomas Teper
Robert “Pat” Allen
Hi Fred.

I have looked over the proposed changes and no impact on the ACES Library is anticipated as a result of the proposed changes to the curriculum in the Department of Crop Sciences.

I am also copying our Associate Dean of Libraries & Associate University Librarian for Collections and Technical Services, Tom Teper, as he typically deals with these changes eventually.

Robert S. (Pat) Allen
Associate Professor of Library Administration Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES) Librarian
Minor in Horticulture - Current

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Major in Horticulture - Proposed

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February 19, 2015

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

Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to revise the undergraduate minor in Horticulture.

Sincerely,

Kathryn A. Martensen
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

c:  L. Kramer
    S. Lee
    M. Lowry
    R. Chappell
    F. Kolb
    M. Ward
    A. Edwards
February 17, 2015

Kathy Martensen, Assistant Provost
Office of the Provost, Second Floor
Swanlund Administration Building
Campus MC-304

Dear Kathy:

I am writing to request campus-level approval for revisions to the Minor in Horticulture, which is offered through our Department of Crop Sciences. The revisions have been reviewed and approved by the College of ACES’ Courses and Curricula Committee. Details of the revisions are documented in the attached proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to receiving your reply.

Sincerely,

Laurie Kramer
Professor and Associate Dean
College of ACES

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cc: CPSC C&C File
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PROPOSAL TYPE (Please select all that apply below):

A. ☑ Program and degree proposals

1. This proposal is for a graduate program or degree

☐ Yes ☒ No

Degree proposal (e.g. B.S., M.A. or Ph.D.)

☐ New degree — please name the new degree: ______

☐ Revision of an existing degree — please name the existing degree to be revised: ______

Major proposal (disciplinary focus, e.g., Mathematics)

☐ New major — please name the new major: ______

☐ Revision of an existing major — please name the existing major to be revised: ______

Concentration proposal (e.g. Financial Planning)

☐ New concentration — please name the new concentration: ______

☐ Revision of an existing concentration — please name the existing concentration to be revised:

Minor proposal (e.g. Cinema Studies)

☐ New minor — please name the new minor: ______

☒ Revision of an existing minor — please name the existing minor to be revised: Horticulture
☐ Proposal for renaming an existing degree, major, concentration, or minor

☐ degree  ☐ major  ☐ concentration  ☐ minor

Please provide the current name: ______

Please provide the proposed new name: ______

☐ Proposal for terminating an existing degree, major, concentration, or minor

Please name the existing degree, major, concentration, or minor: ______

☐ Proposal for a multi-institutional degree between Illinois (UIUC) and a foreign institution

Please name the existing Illinois degree or program: ______

Please name the partnering institution: ______

☐ Proposal for renaming existing academic units (college, school, department, or program)

Please provide the unit’s current name: ______

Please provide the unit’s proposed new name: ______

☐ Proposal for reorganizing existing units (colleges, schools, departments, or programs)

☐ Change in status of an existing and approved unit (e.g. change from a program to department) — please indicate current unit name including status: ______

☐ Transfer an existing unit

Please provide the current unit’s name and home: ______

Please provide the new home for the unit: ______

☐ Merge two or more existing units (e.g., merge department A with department B)

Please provide the name and college of unit one to be merged: ______

Please provide the name and college of unit two to be merged: ______

☐ Terminate an existing unit — please provide the current unit’s name and status: ______

☐ Other educational policy proposals (e.g., academic calendar, grading policies, etc.)

Please indicate the nature of the proposal: ______