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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to terminate the Master of Crop and Soil Sciences (M.C.S.S.) will be an agenda item for the January 19, 2011, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

David E. Shipley, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Jere W. Morehead
    Dr. Laura D. Jolly
Proposal to Terminate the non-thesis Master of Crop and Soil Science (MCSS)  
Department of Crop & Soil Sciences

Basic Information:  
College: Agricultural and Environmental Sciences  
Department: Crop & Soil Sciences  
Name of Proposed Program: Termination of the MCSS degree  
Starting Date: Spring 2011

Program Description:  
Termination is requested for the non-thesis MCSS degree. This program was initiated in Fall 1999 to provide advanced training beyond the undergraduate level for students seeking jobs outside of academia in the area of crop and soil sciences.

Faculty Vote:  
The graduate faculty of the Department of Crop & Soil Sciences voted unanimously in favor of terminating the MCSS degree.

Justification for Termination:  
Contrary to expectations, demand for this program has remained low, having graduated only 5 students since inception. Currently, there is no student enrolled in the program.

Impact on Current Students:  
There would be no adverse impact of terminating the MCSS program because there are no students enrolled in the program.

Financial Impact:  
None.

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Approved:  
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CAES Graduate Committee Chair  
Date: 11/17/10

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