Dear Colleagues:

Attached for consideration at the February 16, 2007, Full UCC meeting is a request from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences to change the name of the major in Agronomy to Crop and Soil Sciences under the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees.

Sincerely,

Dr. William K. Vencill, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Dr. Arnett C. Mace, Jr.
Professor Jere W. Morehead
August 18, 2006

Dr. Josef M. Broder
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
102 Conner Hall
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602

Dear Dr. Broder:

Enclosed please find four copies of a form requesting a name change for our graduate degrees from Agronomy to Crop & Soil Sciences. In the early nineties, our department changed its name from Agronomy to Crop & Soil Sciences, but it did not change the names of its major graduate degree programs. The Graduate Coordinating Committee studied this issue and brought forward a recommendation for a name change to the Fall Faculty Meeting that took place on August 11, 2006. The recommendation for a name change for our M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Agronomy to Crop & Soil Sciences was approved unanimously by the faculty. Changing the names of our degrees is important because it will better reflect the makeup of our graduate students, thereby enhancing their employment opportunities. Please forward this request through the appropriate channels.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Donn Shilling
Department Head
Crop & Soil Sciences
NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

School/College
Name: ____________________________

Proposed
Name: ____________________________

Department Name Changes:
Current Department Name: ____________________________

Proposed Department Name: ____________________________

Major Name Changes:
Current Major Name: Agronomy

Degree: M.S.

Proposed Major Name: Crop & Soil Sciences

Degree: M.S.

Agronomy

Degree: Ph.D.

Proposed Major Name: Crop & Soil Sciences

Degree: Ph.D.

Minor Name Change:
Current Minor Name: ____________________________

Degree: ____________________________

Proposed Minor Name: ____________________________

Degree: ____________________________

Prefix Changes:
A prefix change package should be submitted after the name change has been approved.

Current Prefix ____________________________

Department ____________________________

Proposed Prefix ____________________________

Department ____________________________

JUSTIFICATION:
In the early nineties, the department changed its name from Agronomy to Crop & Soil Sciences; however, it did not at that time also change the names of its major graduate degree programs. Changing the names of our M.S. and Ph.D. degrees will make our degrees not only consistent with our department name, but also reflect the makeup of our graduate students and their associated employment opportunities.

SIGNATURES:

School/College:
Scot Augé, Dean and Director, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Department:
Donn Shilling, Head, Crop & Soil Sciences

Graduate School:
Maureen Grasso, Dean, Graduate School