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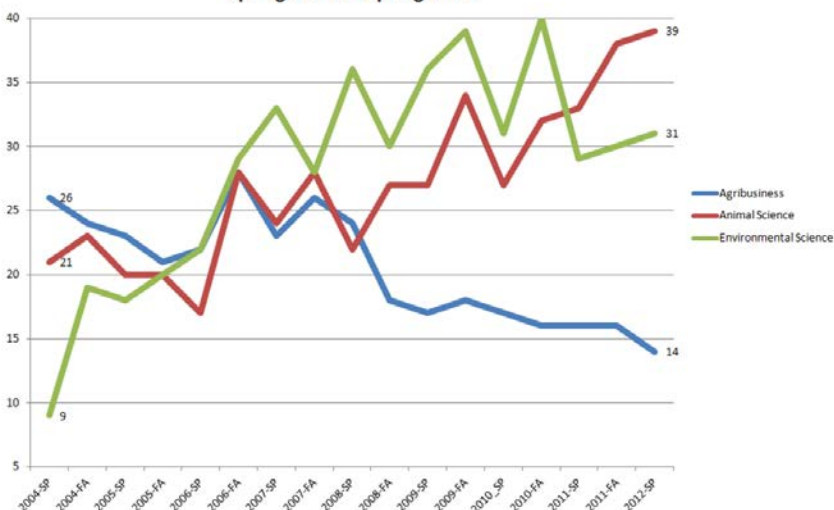
**To:** University Undergraduate Academic Council  
**From:** Gregory Straughn, Interim Provost  
**Date:** 3/27/2012  
**Re:** Proposal to close Agribusiness Major

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## Background

Over the last several years, the number of Agribusiness majors has declined significantly compared with steady growth in both Animal Science and Environmental Science majors over the same period. At the same time, the faculty member primarily responsible for oversight of the Agribusiness program departed the university. Because of this departure, the chair and dean decided to replace the faculty position with an animal science specialist in order to better support that department. A teach-out plan for the remaining Agribusiness students includes teaching courses with adjunct faculty and targeted substitutions with courses from the College of Business Administration. Closing the Agribusiness major will allow departmental resources to be focused on supporting programs with sustained interest and growth.

**Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences  
Changes in Enrollment by Major  
Spring 2004 to Spring 2012**



**Active Agribusiness Students by Earned Hours  
Spring 2012**

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| 0-29 hours   | 2 students |
| 30-59 hours  | 1 student  |
| 60-89 hours  | 6 students |
| 90-119 hours | 5 students |
| 120-up hours | 1 student  |

## Proposal

Accept no new students into the Agribusiness major beginning with the Fall 2012 semester, teach out all current students in the program, and close the Agribusiness major upon completion of the teach out plan.