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PROPOSED PROGRAM TERMINATION
UNDERGRADUATE SECONDARY MAJOR IN PEST MANAGEMENT
AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Action Requested: Consider recommending approval to the Board of the request by Iowa State University to discontinue the Undergraduate Major in Pest Management in the College of Agriculture.

Executive Summary: The request to discontinue the program is based on lack of student enrollment. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. There are no objections to the program discontinuance.

Background:

- ◆ The Pest Management program is a secondary major that can be taken only in conjunction with a primary major.
- ◆ Enrollment in the secondary major declined to one student during 2001-02 and to zero students by 2002-03.
- ◆ According to the department, the enrollment decline was due in part to how the credits could be applied – some credits could be used only by the secondary major, not the primary major. Therefore, students interested in this major would have had to add an extra semester to satisfy the requirements of the major.
- ◆ The recent discontinuance of the Plant Health and Protection major also contributed to the enrollment decline.
- ◆ There will not be a loss of courses due to this discontinuance, except for PM 491, Pest Management Experience, which can now be taken as an independent study course. All other courses will still be taught because courses offered through the Pest Management program are dual-listed in other departments.
- ◆ Students who would have opted for the secondary major in Pest Management can still take courses in one of several primary majors and satisfy their interest in pest management.
- ◆ The discontinuance will be cost-neutral because no specific resources are dedicated to the secondary major program.
- ◆ A phase-out of the program will not be necessary because there are no students currently enrolled.
- ◆ There are no similar programs at either the University of Iowa or the University of Northern Iowa.
- ◆ This request is consistent with the Board of Regents' strategy (4.1.1) to "pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services."

Details about the program discontinuance are available in the Board Office.