

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Request to Discontinue the Secondary Major in Agricultural Extension Education
Date: May 6, 2002

Recommended Action:

Approve Iowa State University's request to discontinue the secondary major in Agricultural Extension Education.

Executive Summary:

Discontinue Major	The University is requesting discontinuance of the secondary major in Agricultural Extension Education offered by the Department of Agricultural Education and Studies in the College of Agriculture.
Rationale	The secondary major in Agricultural Extension Education was described initially as preparing persons for careers in Extension. Since ISU Extension does not hire B.S. degree graduates, and since undergraduate students can acquire similar skills and knowledge about Agricultural Extension Education from other course offerings, this program is no longer needed. The faculty now believe that the best place to emphasize extension education in agriculture is in the Masters and PH.D. programs.
Greater Efficiencies	The discontinuance of the program will allow the department to focus efforts on higher priority programs including the Specialization in Agricultural Extension Education at the graduate level. The elimination of the program will result in greater administrative efficiencies.
No Negative Impact on Students	The proposal will have no negative impact on students. The three existing students in the program indicated that they do not need the secondary major.



Robert J. Barak

Approved: 

Gregory S. Nichols