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RE: Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Major

The Undergraduate Council (UGC) has reviewed and discussed the proposal from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences to create a new major in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems.

After careful review of the March 15, 2011 response to the request for clarification previously sent to the College on November 23, 2010, the Undergraduate Council approves the proposal.

The Council had two comments as to the execution of the major. These do not need to be addressed before implementing the major, but we urge the SAFS faculty to consider these as they move the major forward.

- Regarding the requirement for off-campus internships, UGC has concern that the response did not directly address the question of availability relative to the need, but can surmise the need will not exceed the number of available internships. The College is urged to monitor this and adjust to expand the requirement to include on-campus internships if the need arises.
- UGC encourages an expansion of the required BIS coursework to include BIS2B and BIS2C in addition to BIS2A. The Council's opinion is that all biologists should have the broad basis provided by the full BIS series.

Undergraduate Council looks forward to the establishment of this new major for the Davis Division.

John Yoder, Chair  
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cc: Robert Powell, Chair, Davis Division Academic Senate  
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