February 26, 2013

BRUNO NACHTERGALE, Chair
Davis Division of the Academic Senate

Re: Proposed name change for the Department of Entomology

Dear Bruno,

At the January 11, 2013 meeting, the CA&ES Executive Committee considered the proposed name change for the Department of Entomology to the Department of Entomology and Nematology. The recently combined departments of Entomology and Nematology have requested to change their name to the Department of Entomology and Nematology. That request was unanimously supported by the Executive Committee. In supporting the name change, the Executive Committee is in agreement with the CA&ES Dean’s Office in that the proposed department name “does not preclude or impede in some way future hires in the area of nematology as per the academic planning and priorities of the department of Plant Pathology”. In fact, the proposed name change is not designed to limit nematologists to just one department nor should it be construed as to imply such a limitation.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Chris Calvert, Chair
Executive Committee
College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

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Attachment

c: Michael Parrella, chair, Entomology
   Ed Lewis, vice chair, Entomology
   Tom Gordon, chair, Plant Pathology
   CA&ES Executive Committee
CHRIS CALVERT  
Chair, CA&ES Executive Committee

Dear Chris:

The faculty members of the department of Nematology transferred in to the department of Entomology in 2011 as a result of the College Planning Committee process in 2009-10. The merged department of Entomology is now requesting a name change. The attached message from Professor Ed Lewis, vice-chair, reports the voting result by the members of the department on a name change. The name requested and supported by the majority of department faculty members is “Entomology and Nematology”.

**Background:** When the Entomology department began to consider name changes involving “nematology” we asked that they consult with the Plant Pathology department for their opinion on the requested name change. Included with this letter is an email note from Professor Tom Gordon, chair of the department of Plant Pathology, with information related to the department’s view of the requested name change. Opposition was not indicated although concern was noted that such a name change not interfere with future faculty requests in the field of nematode plant pathogens. Recommendations of the College Planning Committee (March 2010) and the revision of faculty FTE targets for our departments (May 2010) led the CA&ES Dean’s Policy Council to affirm that it was realistic to presume that in the future, new nematologist faculty hires could have productive careers in either the department of Entomology (e.g., pest management) or Plant Pathology (e.g., plant parasites).

I support the requested name change by Entomology with the proviso that the new departmental name of Entomology and Nematology does not preclude or impede in some way future hires in the area of nematology as per the academic planning and priorities of the department of Plant Pathology.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Delany
Interim Dean
CA&ES

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Copies:
Chair Michael Parrella
Chair Tom Gordon
ATTN: Mary Delany

FROM: Ed Lewis  Edwin E. Lewis

RE: Proposal for changing the name of the recently combined departments of Entomology and Nematology from “Department of Entomology” to “Department of Entomology and Nematology”.

In the Fall of 2011, the former Department of Entomology was merged with the former Department of Nematology to form a new unit. This unit has been using the name “Department of Entomology” for administrative purposes, but the faculty has been in agreement that this new department should be named in accordance with the expertise of the faculty. Indeed in the original proposal to merge the departments, it was stated that the new unit would choose a new name by faculty vote after the actual administrative merger.

Therefore, the faculty of the new department has voted on and approved a new name; the Department of Entomology and Nematology. Over the course of several weeks, names were debated via e-mail by the entire group, and in a subsequent faculty meeting, the choices were narrowed to 2: Department of Entomology and Nematology or Department of Insect and Nematode Biology. Voting was accomplished on-line. Vote tallies are as follows:

Senate Vote: 11 for Department of Entomology and Nematology
4 for Department of Insect and Nematode Biology

Federation Vote: 3 for Department of Entomology and Nematology
0 for Department of Insect and Nematode Biology

At the request of the Dean’s office, the Department of Plant Pathology has been consulted as to whether they approved of this name change. Plant Pathology does not object to this name for our department.

Thus, we request that this unit’s approved name be changed to the Department of Entomology and Nematology.
Below is the email that should be included with the letter to Christ Calvert on the ENT name change request.

Thanks.

From: Thomas Gordon [mailto:trgordon@ucdavis.edu]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 7:28 AM
To: Delany, Mary
Cc: Edwin Lewis; Michael Parrella
Subject: Name change

Dear Mary:

I have been asked to comment on the proposed change of the name of the Department of Entomology to the Department of Entomology and Nematology. My colleagues do not object to this change, provided it is not taken as acquiescence in the allocation of all future FTE in nematology to that department. Nematodes are important as pathogens of plants and the Department of Plant Pathology intends to retain the capacity for research and teaching in this area. Presently one faculty member in our department (Valerie Williamson) studies plant-parasitic nematodes and it seems likely that this level of commitment to plant nematology is the minimum the department would maintain going forward. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Tom

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