

Ag school changes name

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The College of Agriculture has adopted a new name, meant to better reflect its mission and curriculum.

The academic unit, now called the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, received approval for the change during Friday's Board of Trustees meeting.

The college believes its current name does not adequately reflect its

activities and its faculty, said Bob Moser, dean of the college.

"We have been working with the name change from a long time ago," Moser said. "The process took from six to eight months in university procedures."

The justification and rationale for the name change were listed on a document the college presented to the Board of Trustees.

The document said the former name does not include the college's curricula in food science, food business management, resource management, the interdisciplinary Environmental Science Program, and the School of Natural Resources.

The previous name does not accurately describe, in full measure, what agriculture students engage in upon graduation, the document said.

Currently, fewer than 10 percent of graduates return to farming, and even fewer graduate students pursue occupations in farming and farm management, according to the college.