

Rationale for CANR's Request for a Moratorium on the ENT Major

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The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is restructuring to maximize potential in research, teaching, and extension. The College is engaged in long-term strategic planning. The first step is to restructure academic units. In depth curricular review will ensue after restructuring. Included in the information to UCAP is a one-page document that explains CANR's approach to assist faculty in preparing for the review process.

When the new CANR units are approved, current academic programs will be transferred intact to the appropriate units. At that time, faculty must review curricula and revise/create the curricula that is needed to meet state, national, and international demands for those educated and trained in agriculture and natural resources. The ENT major is one of the smallest in the College, although enrollment has increased from 13 in F 2009 to 18 in Spring 2010, including the 4 coordinate majors in Lyman Briggs. The college is requesting moratoria on all majors with low enrollment. The enrollment comparison is within CANR and not among colleges.

Currently, all ENT courses will be maintained because they are service courses for the rest of the University. However, that may change after the curricular review process. That process will examine all academic programs, majors, content delivery, student learning, etc. The ENT course content is important, but the review process will assess the best way and format to deliver that content in order to enhance student learning and prepare students for current and future societal and employment needs. The same will be done for all courses and academic programs.

Presently, a moratorium is being requested to prevent additional students from entering the ENT major should the review process determine that the major should be discontinued. A moratorium at this time will prevent adding students who would have to be accommodated should curricular review lead to discontinuation of the ENT major. Please note that an ENT minor was approved last year and no moratorium has been requested for it. It provides an opportunity for students with strong interest in entomology.