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**REQUEST FOR A PROGRAM NAME CHANGE AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: FROM
AGRICULTURAL BIOCHEMISTRY TO BIOCHEMISTRY IN THE COLLEGE OF
AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES**

Action Requested: Consider recommending approval of the request by Iowa State University (ISU) to change the name of the Agricultural Biochemistry program to Biochemistry in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

The Council of Provosts and Board Office reviewed this request and recommend approval.

Background:

Description of program. The Agricultural Biochemistry undergraduate major in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) is a basic science major with significant course requirements in Biochemistry, Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Mathematics. It is overseen by the Roy J. Carver Department of Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Molecular Biology (BBMB), which is in both CALs and in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS).

Proposed name. Biochemistry program.

Reason for proposed change. This proposed change better describes the content of the major. This is a basic science major with no agricultural requirement. The major has a number of elective courses in Agricultural Sciences that could give a student an agricultural experience, but other electives exist in CALs that allow the student to complete the program entirely as a basic science major. Many students in this major take a program of courses that is not different in the basic science courses from the Biochemistry major offered in LAS. Changing the name will more accurately reflect what the major actually is -- a rigorous, basic science major suitable for CALs students who are interested in diverse areas of biochemistry.

Consistency with accreditation requirements. This change does not impact accreditation.

Effect on program configuration. There are no changes to the program configuration.

Effect on students. The change will have no effect current students. Current students can choose to continue with the program name that was in place at the time they declared the major, or they can update to the new name once in place. There are no curricular changes associated with the name change.

Effect on resources. All future marketing and informational material will be changed when new items are needed. This slight change will not require any major revamping of material.

Date of implementation. May 2019.