

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution 2019-2020J
Resolution to Approve New Major, Food and Health Systems Economics, in Bachelor of Science in Applied Economic Management

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Faculty Senate Waived Right to Comment:	December 17, 2019
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Approved by President:	March 23, 2020
First Effective Date to Declare Major:	Summer 2020
First Effective Date to Graduate:	Winter 2022

WHEREAS, in the past 15-20 years, interest in the health implications of the food system has increased dramatically; and

WHEREAS, there is emerging demand for graduates capable of evaluating policies and practices that promote healthier systems of food production, distribution, processing, and preparation; and

WHEREAS, with its cluster hire of three senior faculty in health economics, the Agricultural and Applied Economics (AAEC) Department is uniquely positioned among U.S. Land Grant Colleges to address holistic linkages across food systems and health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the AAEC Department is committed to providing coursework and experiential learning, fitting the VT-shaped curriculum, that give students an in-depth understanding of the linkages among systems of food production and health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, no new resources are required to establish the proposed Major in Food and Health Systems Economics at Virginia Tech and for it to be administered by the AAEC Department with the cooperation of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and

WHEREAS, letters of support have been received from all departments whose courses FHSE students would take, plus existing faculty research collaborations; and

WHEREAS, the new Major in Food and Health Systems Economics would be an identifiable curriculum that clearly signals the expertise and career focus of students toward industry, government agencies, academia, and advocacy organizations; and

WHEREAS, the new Major in Food and Health Systems Economics is anticipated to initially attract 5-10 additional students per year interested in pursuing careers in food systems and health care to Virginia Tech.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Major in Food and Health Systems Economics be approved for addition to the Bachelor of Science in Applied Economic Management effective Summer 2020 and the proposal be forwarded to the President for approval.



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FROM: Judy Alford

DATE: December 17, 2019

SUBJECT: CUSP Resolutions 2019-2020 (H – M)

The Policies and Issues Committee of the Staff Senate reviewed the resolutions listed below. We support all resolutions.

- Resolution 2019-2020.H Resolution to Change Membership to the Athletics Committee
- Resolution 2019-2020.I Resolution to Approve New Major, Community Economic Development, in Bachelor of Science in Applied Economic Management
- Resolution 2019-2020.J Resolution to Approve New Major, Food and Health Systems Economics, in Bachelor of Science in Applied Economic Management
- Resolution 2019-2020.K Resolution to Approve New Major, Environmental Economics, Management, and Policy, in Bachelor of Science in Applied Economic Management
- Resolution 2019-2020.L Resolution to Approve New Major, International Trade and Development, in Bachelor of Science in Applied Economic Management
- Resolution 2019-2020.M Resolution to Approve New Major, Arabic, in Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages

If you have any questions, please let me know.

c: Tamarah Smith