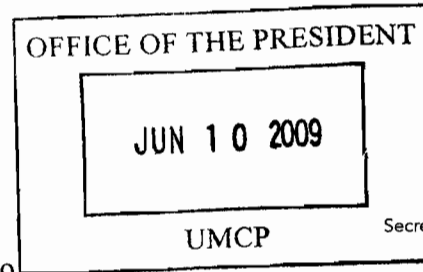




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June 8, 2009

Dr. C.D. Mote, Jr.
President
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College Park, MD 20742-2104

Dear Dr. Mote:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed a request from University of Maryland College Park to change the name of its Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs in Natural Resource Sciences to Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Science. On the recommendation of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Academic Affairs, Dr. George W. Reid, I am pleased to inform you that this request has been administratively approved. The HEGIS and CIP codes will not change. This decision was based on an analysis of the program in conjunction with the Maryland Higher Education Commission's *Policies and Procedures for Academic Program Proposals* and the *Code of Maryland Regulations*.

For purposes of providing enrollment and degree data to the Commission, please use the following HEGIS and CIP codes:

Current Program Title	New Program Title	Degree Level	HEGIS	CIP
Natural Resource Sciences	Plant Science	M.S.	0100-01	01.0000
Natural Resource Sciences	Plant Science	Ph.D.	0100-01	01.0000

Should the programs require any substantial changes in the future, please keep the Commission apprised. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

James E. Lyons, Sr.
Secretary of Higher Education

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cc. Ms. Theresa W. Hollander, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, USM

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