



Memo

To: Randy Smith, Vice Provost for Academic Programs, Office of Academic Affairs
From: Cory Matyas, Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Assessment
Date: April 22, 2026
Re: Informational Item – Food Engineering Specialization Curriculum Update

The Engineering College Committee on Academic Affairs met on April 22, 2026 and reviewed an informational update from the Department of Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering regarding an upcoming curriculum change within the Food Engineering specialization.

The update describes the intent to replace Biochemistry 5721 with FBE 4405: Fundamentals of Food and Biological Engineering Processes, a newly developed course better aligned with current program learning objectives. The department is pursuing formal curriculum approval through CFAES and COE committees, and an interim course substitution is requested to support student progress.

There were no questions or concerns raised during the review. A college-level record of support for this proposal was created.



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Subject: Planned Food Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Food Engineering Specialization Curriculum Change

Dear Dr. Morrison

I am writing to provide an informational update regarding a planned curriculum change in the Department of Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering, specifically within the Food Engineering specialization.

Currently, Biochemistry 5721 is listed as a required course in the curriculum. However, over time, the course content has evolved and no longer aligns with the knowledge and competencies students need to meet graduation requirements. In response, a new course—FABE 4405: Fundamentals of Food and Biological Engineering Processes—has been developed and approved for offering beginning in the Spring 2026 semester.

A formal curriculum change to replace Biochemistry 5721 with FABE 4405 is in progress and is expected to be submitted during the Summer 2026 term to both the CFAES and COE Curriculum Committees.

As this approval process may take some time, we are providing this update to the CCAA to request approval for course substitutions, including FABE 4405, in place of Biochemistry 5721, in order to best support our students' academic progress.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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