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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to change the name of the major in Textile Sciences (Ph.D.) to Polymer, Fiber, and Textile Sciences (Ph.D.) will be an agenda item for the March 20, 2013, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,



David E. Shipley, Chair  
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Jere W. Morehead  
Dr. Laura D. Jolly

**NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM**

School/College Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Department Name Changes:**  
Current Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Major Name Changes:**  
Current Major Name: Textile Sciences Degree Ph.D.  
Proposed Major Name: Polymer, Fiber and Textile Sciences Degree Ph.D.

**Minor Name Change:**  
Current Minor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree  
Proposed Minor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree

**Prefix Changes:**  
A prefix change package should be submitted after the name change has been approved.

Current Prefix	Department	Proposed Prefix	Department
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**JUSTIFICATION:**

Attach a page justifying changes. **SEE ATTACHED**

**SIGNATURES:**

School/College: Family and Consumer Sciences  
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12/18/12

Department: Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors  
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Maureen Grasso, Dean of the Graduate School  
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College of Family and Consumer Sciences  
*Department of Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors*

November 15, 2012

To: Dr. Linda Kirk Fox, Dean College of Family and Consumer Sciences

From: Name Change of Title of Ph.D. in the Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors

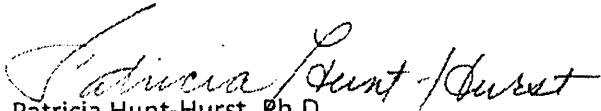
The graduate faculty in the Department of Textiles Merchandising and Interiors request approval for changing the name of the Ph.D. in Textile Sciences to **Polymer, Fiber and Textile Sciences**. On November 1, 2012 the graduate faculty voted for this name change. The graduate faculty vote was 6 in favor of the name change, 2 not in favor, and 1 abstention. The reasons for the name change include:

- 1) The addition of Polymer, Fiber to the name better reflects the direction in which the department and most of the significant "textile science" programs in the nation have moved. We have submitted with this name change significant graduate course revisions in content and title. The name change will put us at a competitive advantage with both recruitment of strong graduate students and competition for research grant awards at the national level.
- 2) The department and college has already recognized the need for a name change in the recruitment for replacement of Dr. Ian Hardin's faculty position which was advertised as Professor of Fiber and Polymer Science. The qualifications needed, as stated in the position announcement, are "Ph.D. in fibers and polymers or closely related scientific area." We received 20 applications for this position and will interview four highly qualified candidates during spring semester.
- 3) We fully expect that this name change will be crucial in developing new research partnerships at the University of Georgia and continuing those in place with chemistry, engineering, biochemistry, physics, and the nanotechnology center that this program, with its core in TMI, will be one they want to officially be part of.

- 4) Changing the name will be important as we approach the Vice President for Research and Dean of Engineering for support in expanding the program. The VP-Research has already made known to our Dean his interest in encouraging a materials program on campus. The possibility in the future of an extra position joint with Engineering is definitely a benefit of going ahead and leading with this change.

I appreciate your consideration for this name change for the Ph.D. in Textile Sciences to Ph.D. in Polymer, Fiber and Textile Sciences.

Sincerely,



Patricia Hunt-Hurst, Ph.D.

Department Head