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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal for a new prefix: FCAS, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, will be an agenda item for the October 9, 2009, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,



David E. Shipley, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Dr. Arnett C. Mace, Jr.
Professor Jere W. Morehead



The University of Georgia

Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
Office of the Dean

September 4, 2009

Dr. Arnett C. Mace, Jr.
Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Provost
Administration Building
UGA Campus

Dear Arnett:

I am writing on behalf of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences to request creation of a course prefix, FCAS, that will be used for interdisciplinary courses taught within the College that do not fit appropriately under existing prefixes or in existing programs and departments. We will use the prefix for a series of new courses that will encourage interdisciplinary teaching within the College.

We currently have three such courses in mind: a course on science and human values, intended for non-science majors; a course on leadership and the arts and sciences; and a third course on service learning and the arts and sciences. All three courses will draw on multiple disciplines. We will encourage the creation of additional courses for this prefix as interest and demand dictate. Attached letters provide further information on these courses, which of course will need to be reviewed via the usual process once the prefix is approved.

Please let me know if you would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Hugh Ruppensburg
Sr. Associate Dean



The University of Georgia

Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

August 24, 2009

Dr. Hugh Ruppensburg
Senior Associate Dean
Franklin College of Arts and Sciences - Dean's Office
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Dear Senior Associate Dean Ruppensburg,

I am writing to request that Franklin College adopt a new prefix, FCAS (Franklin College of Arts and Sciences), for interdisciplinary courses that are not readily accommodated either within existing programs or via crosslisting. I believe that adoption of such a prefix by the college would foster the development of inter/multidisciplinary courses on campus and provide an important complement to existing initiatives to achieve this campus-wide objective.

The immediate impetus for this request is my desire to offer a new course on science for non-majors entitled Science and Human Values, the range of which spans the divide between science and the humanities. Existing interdisciplinary prefixes, including the INTS prefix of the Interdisciplinary Studies Major, appear to be specific to majors within a given interdisciplinary program and hence do not provide the necessary generality and flexibility. An FCAS prefix would accommodate the course I have in mind and, if adequately advertised, could provide a focus for promoting the development of additional new interdisciplinary courses at UGA.

Thank you for considering this proposal. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Claiborne V. C. Glover III
Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology