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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to terminate the Master of Applied Mathematical Sciences degree (M.A.M.S.) will be an agenda item for the March 20, 2009, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

David E. Shipley, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Dr. Arnett C. Mace, Jr.
    Professor Jere W. Morehead
February 10, 2009

MEMO

To: Dean Garnett Stokes, Franklin College of Arts & Sciences
From: John Stufken, Professor & Head
Subject: Termination of the Master of Applied Mathematical Science Degree

On behalf of the Department of Statistics, I request the termination of the degree of Master of Applied Mathematical Science (MAMS) as a graduate degree in Statistics.

OVERVIEW
The Department of Statistics has been under the impression that the MAMS degree was terminated in an administrative move to remove programs that were under-utilized. The MAMS program has not had a student from Statistics since 2001. In addition, there is very little interest in the program – perhaps one student every two years or so will inquire about the MAMS degree. Because we no longer administer the MAMS degree in Statistics, we would like to terminate it.

TERMINATION CONDITIONS
Because no students have enrolled in the MAMS program in the last eight years, it is serving no one. Thus the first five of the conditions for terminating this program are easily met. As for the sixth and last condition: Should there be a resurgence of interest in a program that emphasizes statistics in combination with mathematics, computer science, and economics, we will design