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#### Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to terminate the major in Foods and Nutrition (M.F.C.S.) will be an agenda item for the August 22, 2014, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

William K. Vencill, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

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cc:

Provost Pamela S. Whitten

Dr. Laura D. Jolly

## REQUEST FOR TERMINATION OF THE MAJOR IN FOODS AND NUTRITION (M.F.C.S.)

#### I. Basic Information

1. Institution: University of Georgia Date: 3/5/2014

2. School/College: College of Family and Consumer Sciences

3. Department/Division: Foods and Nutrition

4. Program

Degree: M.F.C.S.

Major: Foods and Nutrition

5. Deactivation \_\_\_\_\_ or Termination \_\_X\_\_

6. Last date students will be admitted to this program: Fall 2007

7. Last date students will graduate from this program: Spring 2009

8. Abstract of the deactivated or terminated program

Provide a brief summary of the deactivated or terminated program that includes an overview and highlights of the response to the criteria in Section II.

According to our records, an M.F.C.S. in Foods and Nutrition is still present in the University Records. On July 1st, 1990, the College of Home Economics became the College of Family and Consumer Sciences by virtue of the approval of the Board of Regents. The original graduate degree, Master of Home Economics, was established in 1976. The name was changed to Master of Family and Consumer Sciences (M.F.C.S.), and was approved by the Board of Regents in 2001. The M.F.C.S. is no longer a valid degree. Students interested in pursuing a master's degree in Foods and Nutrition were shifted from the M.F.C.S. degree track to the M.S. track in 2007. The Graduate School informs us that Dr. Mary Ann Johnson, graduate coordinator in the Department of Foods and Nutrition, requested the removal of the M.F.C.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences degree in 2010. During this period of time the college was in transition with an interim dean (Dr. Sweaney). We have not been able to find any record of requests to deactivate this degree, which is usually the first step toward terminating a degree. The termination has support of the College's Curriculum Committee. This termination has no adverse effect on faculty or staff since all teaching faculty will continue to support the undergraduate and graduate majors and degrees.

### **II. Conditions for Deactivating or Terminating Programs**

1. Provide copies of the studies and decisions that warrant deactivation or termination of the program.

With the implementation of the M.S. track, students were shifted from the M.F.C.S. degree. This shift caused the M.F.C.S. degree to no longer be relevant for students majoring in Foods and Nutrition.

2. State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program.

The decision to terminate the major is based on the shift of students in the M.F.C.S. degree track to the M.S. track in 2007.

- 3. State the plans for allowing those students already in a program to complete degree requirements, including specific information on a.) How students will be notified of the Program termination and b.) How students will be counseled on completing the program.
  - Students enrolled at the time were notified in their classes that the M.F.C.S. would no longer be accepting applications. Students interested in pursuing a master's degree in Foods and Nutrition were shifted from the M.F.C.S. degree track to the M.S. track in 2007. All classes, practicums, advisement, and field placements remained in place until those enrolled at the time had completed their degrees.
- 4. What will be done to minimize the impact or termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved, specifically a.) How will faculty and staff be notified of the termination and b.) How will faculty and staff be re-deployed?
  - This decision had no negative effect on faculty or staff since all teaching faculty continued to support the remaining undergraduate and graduate Foods and Nutrition majors.
- 5. What will be done to insure that deactivation or termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?
  - FDN faculty who taught in this major have responsibilities in other undergraduate and graduate programs or have retired.
- 6. What plans, if any, is there for subsequent reactivation or reinstatement, respectively, of the deactivated or terminated program?

There are no plans for reinstatement of this terminated major.