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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to add calculus to the Entrance Requirements for undergraduate business majors 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



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Dr. Arnett C. Mace, Jr.
Senior Vice President for Academic
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Dear Dr. Mace:

The Faculty of the Terry College of Business has approved the recommendation of the Terry Undergraduate Program Committee to add calculus as an eligibility requirement for students prior to admission to Terry, effective Fall 2010. As the next step in the process, I request that the University Curriculum Committee consider this proposed change.

Calculus is currently a graduation requirement in the Terry College of Business. The proposed change would require that students will have completed or be currently enrolled in Calculus (Math 2200) to be eligible to apply to the majors in the College. The current eligibility criteria to apply for admission to a Terry BBA major are:

- Be enrolled at UGA
- Earn an overall grade point average of 2.6
- Be in academic good standing (at least 2.0 cumulative GPA)
- Earn 60 hours overall
- Complete the BBA Core

As is the case for the completion of the BBA Core requirement, students may apply to the Terry College if they are currently enrolled in coursework that fulfills these outstanding requirements. However, acceptance in the major is contingent on satisfactory completion of in-progress work. In the case of the Calculus requirement, students currently enrolled in Calculus who fail to complete this requirement will need to enroll in the course each semester until the requirement is met. Implementation of this requirement is targeted for Fall 2010. The delayed implementation date will allow time for students at other system schools to be notified of the change and meet the requirement.

This proposed change to the entrance criteria is aimed at providing students with a common foundation of knowledge before entering upper-level courses within the Terry College. This common base of knowledge will allow for an increased level of academic rigor, a goal set by

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the University. It is currently impossible for instructors in the Terry College to use the tools of calculus in their courses, since students are only required to fulfill this requirement by graduation. In addition, it will allow instructors to effectively use calculus in their courses, if desired, which should allow for increased rigor in upper-level courses. Further, even without direct use of calculus in a class, the concepts taught in calculus (e.g. constrained optimization) are useful in an indirect way in many classes. It is important to note that nearly 80% of the 762 accepted students admitted to Terry for Fall 2008 were enrolled or had completed the calculus requirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ROBERT". The letters are in all caps and have a slightly cursive, informal style.

Robert T. Sumichrast, Dean

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