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March 14, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Douglas Estry, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education
and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Dr. Linda O. Stanford, Associate Provost for Academic Services

RE: Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Bachelor of Science
Degree in Economics

For Transmittal to the University Committee on Undergraduate
Education (UCUE)

The request referenced above is being sent to you for action by the University
Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE).

UCUE Response Requested:

Please ask the UCUE to consider the request referenced above and provide
consultative commentary. Please mail the related materials referenced under the
heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to UCUE members.

The request is to for a moratorium effective Fall 2013 through Fall 2014.

The UCUE alone will consider this request and its consultative commentary will be sent
to the Provost for determination.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the attached materials, please
contact Joy Speas, University Curriculum Administrator, at 5-8420.

Thank you.

Attachments:

1. Request for a Moratorium form dated March 14, 2013; Bachelor of
Science Degree in Economics and attachments.
2. Student Enrollments by Program; Student Awards by Programs (for the
request referenced above).

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View a Program		Main Menu
Joy Speas, RO	Thursday, 3/14/2013	
Program Name: Economics Degree: BS Sequence Number: 4	Program Request ID: 2415	
Effective Dates: Fall 2013 - Fall 2014 Status: Interim Initial Action: Moratorium		
Requested Date: 3/13/2013 4:31:40 PM		
1. Department/School/College: 38238 Department of Economics		
2. Name of Program: Economics		
3. Name of Degree: BS		
4. Type of Program: Major		
5. Effective Start Semester: Fall 2013		
Reason for Moratorium Request: The original reason for offering both a BA and a BS degree in economics was to provide a track (the BS degree) for majors who expressed an interest in graduate school, as the requirements for a BS degree included more (and higher level) mathematics courses than the requirements for the BA. However, the BS degree could be and often was completed without the appropriate math preparation for a PhD in economics. Also, the science courses required for the BS degree did not appreciably increase a student's ability to be admitted to and succeed in an economics PhD program. The department feels that a better approach would be to offer one economics degree (the BA), while providing individualized advice about additional mathematics courses to students with an expressed interest in and/or aptitude for graduate study in economics. The courses in economics required by the BA and BS were identical, so there will be no changes in the economics curriculum for future EC students. The consolidation into one degree program for the major will allow students to focus initially on economics courses, rather than having to choose at the outset which courses (i.e., degree program) to pair with them. They will then be able to view lists of suggested courses based on future graduate school or career goals.		
Effective End Term: Fall 2014		
Students who will be affected by the proposed change(s): Effects on students will be negligible. In recent years, 22% of EC majors have chosen the BS. Those currently enrolled in the EC BS programs (4731, 4732) will not be affected. Future EC majors will gain 12-20 elective credits with the proposed changes in the CSS requirements. Those credits can be used to take the natural science courses previously required by the BS. Advisors will suggest courses for students to take based on individual goals. There is no change to the required EC courses.		

Suggested alternative major and major code for new admits:

Bachelor of Arts in Economics (4728), Additional Major in Economics (4729), 2nd Degree
Bachelor of Arts in Economics (4730)

DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: Department of Economics
3/13/2013 4:32:40 PM by Carey Elder for Carl Davidson, Chairperson

Comments: Per CD

COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: College of Social Science
3/14/2013 9:20:30 AM by Michael Connelly for Thomas Summerhill, Associate Dean

Comments: per Dr Tom Summerhill

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Student Enrollments By Program

Lvl	Program - Description	Span	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	Total
Social Science - Continued													
<i>Cr Integrative Std-Social Science - Continued</i>													
UN	4705-Geography Cognate	FS97-	91	99	84	65	58	71	75	54	51	30	678
UN	7660-History Cognate-Education	SS07-US10	0	0	0	0	0	31	39	48	53	26	197
UN	7656-History-Diplomacy and War Cog	SS07-	0	0	0	0	1	5	5	3	5	7	26
UN	7655-Hst-Pol, Const & Legal Hst Cog	SS07-	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	7	11	4	31
UN	7657-Hst-Specific Area of World Cog	SS07-	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	9	12	8	40
UN	7654-Hst-US Racial/Ethnic&Cult Cog	SS07-	0	0	0	0	1	4	7	7	11	12	42
UN	7653-HST-Women,Gender& Farm Cognate	SS07-	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	8	10	9	33
UN	4706-Political Sci-Am Pol I Cognate	FS97-	120	114	119	94	100	83	72	50	44	27	823
UN	4707-Political Sci-Comp Pol Cognate	FS97-	15	9	12	5	6	10	12	8	10	9	96
UN	4708-Political Sci-Intl Rel Cognate	FS97-	57	64	62	56	53	65	53	44	34	22	510
UN	4709-Political Sci-Pol Phil Cognate	FS97-	3	6	7	5	5	5	5	9	6	1	52
UN	4710-Psychology Cognate	FS97-	247	234	212	191	224	298	315	363	433	334	2,851
UN	4711-Sociology Cognate	FS97-	217	195	172	128	142	162	175	182	216	151	1,740
Total - Cr Integrative Std-Social Science			2,500	2,454	2,331	2,148	2,263	2,456	2,633	2,675	3,040	2,917	25,417
Economics													
ADDU - Additional Major Undergraduate													
UN	4729-Economics	SS02-	53	77	83	83	95	94	98	88	72	74	817
UN	4734-Policy and Applied Economics	SS02-SS04	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
BA - Bachelor of Arts													
UN	4728-Economics	SS02-	279	425	465	554	661	739	698	689	712	782	6,004
UN	4730-Economics - Second Degree	SS02-	32	35	43	51	53	39	49	46	42	37	427
UN	4733-Policy and Applied Economics	SS02-SS04	28	20	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
UN	4735-Policy and Applied Economics - Second Degree	SS02-SS04	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
BS - Bachelor of Science													
UN	4731-Economics	SS02-	59	84	93	119	151	181	189	224	261	280	1,641
UN	4732-Economics - Second Degree	SS02-	4	6	13	19	29	25	32	29	31	27	215
GR	9835-Economics	SS02-	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	10

Fiscal Year (FY) counts are distinct student counts within the Summer, Fall, and Spring terms.
 e.g. FY07=distinct student count within Summer 06, Fall 06, and Spring 07.
 If a student changed majors within the FY, he/she is counted under both majors.

Student Awards By Program

Lvl Program - Description		Span	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	Total
Social Science - Continued													
<i>Ctr Integrative Std-Social Science - Continued</i>													
UN	7660-History Cognate-Education	SS07-US10											
UN	7656-History-Diplomacy and War Cog	SS07-											
UN	7655-Hst-Pol, Const & Legal Hst Cog	SS07-											
UN	7657-Hst-Specific Area of World Cog	SS07-											
UN	7654-Hst-US Racial/Ethnic&Cult Cog	SS07-											
UN	7653-HST-Women,Gender& Farm Cognate	SS07-											
UN	4706-Political Sci-Am Pol I Cognate	FS97-											
UN	4707-Political Sci-Comp Pol Cognate	FS97-											
UN	4708-Political Sci-Intl Rel Cognate	FS97-											
UN	4709-Political Sci-Pol Phil Cognate	FS97-											
UN	4710-Psychology Cognate	FS97-											
UN	4711-Sociology Cognate	FS97-											
Total - Ctr Integrative Std-Social Science			304	359	328	309	312	269	303	334	405	417	3,340
Economics													
ABDU - Additional Major Undergraduate													
UN	4729-Economics	SS02-	4	14	16	16	16	15	19	18	17	11	146
UN	4734-Policy and Applied Economics	SS02-SS04	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
BA - Bachelor of Arts													
UN	4728-Economics	SS02-	18	82	107	120	95	112	157	152	125	121	1,089
UN	4730-Economics - Second Degree	SS02-	2	5	8	11	15	11	8	10	9	11	90
UN	4733-Policy and Applied Economics	SS02-SS04	4	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
UN	4735-Policy and Applied Economics - Second Degree	SS02-SS04	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
BS - Bachelor of Science													
UN	4731-Economics	SS02-	1	8	7	11	19	16	15	21	33	22	153
UN	4732-Economics - Second Degree	SS02-	0	0	3	0	5	4	6	8	4	5	35
DUAL - Dual Major													
GR	9835-Economics	SS02-	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2

Fiscal Year (FY) counts are counts of awards conferred during the Summer, Fall, and Spring terms.
 e.g. FY07=count of awards conferred during Summer 06, Fall 06, and Spring 07.