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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to terminate the major in Home Economics (M.F.C.S.) will be an agenda item for the March 19, 2014, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
David E. Shipley, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Laura D. Jolly
TO: Fiona Liken  
   Director, Curriculum Systems

FROM: Julie A. Coffield  
   Associate Dean

DATE: March 10, 2014

RE: Termination – MFCS in Home Economics

For record keeping purposes, the Graduate School has administratively approved the termination of the MFCS in Home Economics. No students have graduated from this program since spring of 2007.

Thank you.

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TO:        Dr. Maureen Grasso
          Dean, Graduate School

FROM:     Silvia Giraudo
          Associate Dean for Academic Programs

DATE:     January 10th, 2014

RE:       Termination of the Master in Family and Consumer Sciences (M.F.C.S.)

According to our records, it has become necessary to terminate the Master in Family and Consumer Sciences. The M.F.C.S is no longer a valid degree. Students interested in pursuing a master's degree in Family and Consumer Sciences were shifted from the M.F.C.S degree track to the MS track in 2007. The Graduate School informs us that Dr. David Wright, then, Department Head of Human Development and Family Sciences requested the removal of the MFCS Family and Consumer Sciences degree in 2008. During this period of time the college was in transition with an interim dean (Dr. Hathcote). 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.

Cc:        Fiona Liken
           Dean Fox
           Jay Mancini
REQUEST FOR TERMINATION OF THE GRADUATE MAJOR IN HOME ECONOMICS, M.F.C.S PROGRAM

I. Basic Information

1. Institution: University of Georgia  
2. School/College: College of Family and Consumer Sciences
3. Department/Division: Human development and Family Science (Child and Family Development)
4. Program
   Degree: M.F.C.S.
   Major: Home Economics
5. Deactivation or Termination X
6. Last date students will be admitted to this program Fall 2005
7. Last date students will graduate from this program Spring 2007
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, is still present in the University Records an M.F.C.S. in Home Economics. 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 in Home Economics, established in 1976 and the name change to Master in Family and Consumer Sciences (M.F.C.S) 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 Family and Consumer Sciences were shifted from the M.F.C.S degree track to the M.S. track in 2007. The Graduate School informs us that Dr. David Wright, then, Department Head of Human Development and Family Science requested the removal of the M.F.C.S. Family and Consumer Sciences degree in 2008. During this period of time the college was in transition with an interim dean (Dr. Hathcote). 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.

9. Signatures
   [Signature]
   Department Head
   [Signature]
   Dean of School/College
   [Signature]
   Dean of Graduate School
II. Conditions for Deactivating or Terminating Programs

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

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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 Family and Consumer Sciences 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 redeployed?

This decision had no negative effect on faculty or staff since all teaching faculty continued to support the remaining undergraduate and graduate Human Development and Family Science (formerly Child and Family Development) 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?

HDFS 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.