



The University of Georgia

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Department of Entomology

February 5, 2004

To: David Knauft
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, CAES

From: Joseph McHugh
Chair, CAES Curriculum Committee

Raymond Noblet
Head, Department of Entomology

Subject: Deactivation of the Entomology major

Attached please find the documentation required by Academic Affairs Policy Statement #4 to initiate the deactivation process for the Entomology major at the University of Georgia. The original proposal to deactivate the Entomology major was submitted by Dean Buchanan on August 5, 2003. At our last faculty retreat, the Department of Entomology voted unanimously in favor of initiating the deactivation process *under the condition* that deactivation would be contingent upon the establishment of an Area of Emphasis for Entomology within the Biological Science major.

A proposal to establish an Area of Emphasis has been developed and will be submitted to Dr. Mike Lacy, as per your instructions regarding curriculum issues for the Biological Sciences program.

Please let us know if additional material is needed at this time. Thank you.

Proposal for Deactivation of the BSA in Entomology Undergraduate Program

1. The University of Georgia, 2/6/2004
2. College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
3. Department of Entomology
4. Entomology undergraduate program
5. Deactivation of major
6. May 8, 2004

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The Entomology undergraduate major has been classified as an “underenrolled major” by the Board of Regents. In response to this classification efforts were made to increase the enrollment by using better advertisement and by modifying the degree requirements to facilitate transfers and to make the program more attractive. These efforts resulted in a modest improvement, doubling the number of undergraduates in the program in the past three years. Other steps to raise enrollment, such as changing the type of Entomology degree from a BSA to a BSES, were only recently approved by the Board of Regents and have had insufficient time to show any impact. Never-the-less, it is unlikely that a highly specialized undergraduate major such as Entomology could ever be large enough to escape the label “underenrolled” as it is currently being used.

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This is the only Entomology major in the University System of Georgia. Currently there are eight students in this major. We plan to allow them to complete their original program requirements. No additional students will be admitted to the Entomology undergraduate program after the end of Spring Semester, 2004. The core courses for the Entomology major will continue to be taught as long as an adequate demand exists.

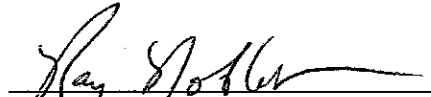
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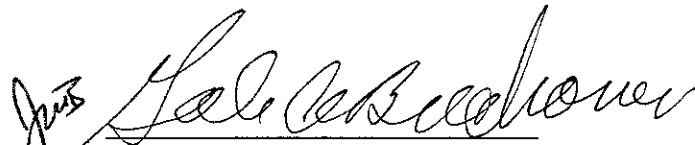
The deactivation of the Entomology major will have minimal impact on the faculty. The Department has very active research and extension programs and a large commitment to our graduate program which is nationally ranked (average enrollment =45). Many of our undergraduate courses are necessary for degrees in other programs or will serve students in the new Entomology Area of Emphasis within the Biological Sciences major. Therefore, we do not anticipate many changes in the course offerings by our faculty. This deactivation may result in a decreased enrollment in the MPPPM graduate program.

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Before the end of the two-year deactivation period, the Entomology Department will revisit this issue and decide whether to propose reactivation or termination of the program.

8. Signatures:


Department Head


Dean of School/College

Dean of Graduate School