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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Mary Frances Early College of Education to establish Entrance Requirements for the major in Sport Management (B.S.Ed.) will be an agenda item for the April 19, 2024, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu

Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH OR CHANGE THE ENTRANCE STATUS AND REQUIREMENTS OF AN UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR

Date: March 26, 2024

School/College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department/Division: Kinesiology

Program (Major and Degree): Sport Management (B.S.Ed.)

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2024

1. Justification

What is the academic justification for instituting the requirement?

The Sport Management (B.S.Ed.) major (SPMA) shares a majority of Area VI classes with the undergraduate majors in the Terry College of Business. The SPMA major swells throughout the academic year as students who are not accepted into Terry majors enter the SPMA degree because many of the credits in the core curriculum overlap. Students on the lower end of the GPA spectrum are academically unprepared for the content in the Sport Management (B.S.Ed.) major. Additionally, the SPMA program has experienced a high degree of growth in its student population. Implementing entrance and minimum GPA requirements for the Sport Management (B.S.Ed.) major will ensure all applicants to the program are qualified and committed to earning the degree.

2. Requirements

What specific entrance requirements are proposed?

Entrance Requirements

Students must meet the following eligibility requirements for admission to the major.

Minimum GPAs

Applicants must be in "good academic standing" at UGA, meaning they must have a 2.0 or higher UGA GPA. Applicants must also have a 2.6 or higher earned overall GPA (transfer and UGA coursework combined).

Applicant must have successfully completed the following courses before applying, with a passing grade posted to the student's UGA academic record:

- ACCT 1160 or ACCT 2101
- ECON 2106

Applicant must have successfully completed or be enrolled in the following courses before applying:

- ECON 2105
- KINS 3430
- LEGL 2700
- MIST 2090

3. Results

How will the proposed requirement solve the academic problems outlined in the justification?

Content mastery in the foundational Area VI courses is essential to ensure students can successfully keep up with the pace and rigor of the program. The proposed requirements will allow the program to admit students with career interests which align with their major. The proposed requirements reduce the current burden on staff in their efforts to find internships for students with career interests that do not align with the program. Creating more predictability in student numbers will reduce the number of instructional support requests and faculty overloads which strain the program faculty and resources.

4. Consequences of the Requirement

a. How will this requirement affect the major involved?

The change will improve the likelihood of students successfully navigating the major and staying on track for graduation. Based on current data, approximately 40 students each academic year would be eliminated from entrance into the major.

b. What effects are anticipated on other majors within the University?

It is not anticipated there will be a measurable impact on other majors within the University. The students that would be impacted are most likely to be spread out over many other different majors on campus.

c. Are there any other anticipated effects on enrollment patterns within the University?

The faculty anticipate it will help the program, which is operating above the capacity of the resources currently available, to operate more efficiently. Students should be able to successfully enroll in other majors that will better match their interests.

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Proposal to revise the Entrance Requirements and Minimum GPA Requirement for the major in Sport Management (B.S.Ed.)

College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Departments: Kinesiology

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2024

School/College:

- Kinesiology Department Head, Dr. Jamie Cooper, 3/15/24
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 3/15/24