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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to terminate the major in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies (A.B.) in the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication will be an agenda item for the October 13, 2017, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Alison F. Alexander, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF A GRADUATE OR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

I. Basic Information

1. **Institution:** University of Georgia

Date: September 15, 2017

2. **School/College:** Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication

3. **Department/Division:** Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication

4. **Program Degree:** Bachelor of Arts

Major: Honors Interdisciplinary Studies

5. **Deactivation or Termination:** Termination

6. **Last date students will be admitted to this program:** There are no students currently enrolled in this program.

7. **Last date students will graduate from this program:** There are no students currently enrolled in this program.

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.

Description of program:

The major is administered by the College through the UGA Honors Program and is open only to Honors students enrolled in the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication. Students may pursue the Honors Interdisciplinary Studies major in any academic department within Grady College. The major is designed to allow an Honors student to build an integrated program in a coherently defined interdisciplinary combination of courses.

Students wishing to pursue the Honors Interdisciplinary Studies major must apply and be admitted to one of the majors in Grady College included in their proposed program of study.

Summary of criteria in Section II:

Grady College faculty voted to deactivate the Honors Interdisciplinary Studies (Journalism) A.B. major after a brief discussion at the fall 2016 faculty meeting. There are currently no students enrolled in the major, and there have been zero students enrolled in the major in the past five years. Students within the Honors College can achieve the same objectives by pursuing the Honors Interdisciplinary Studies major, making the need for this major unnecessary. The deactivation of this major will not impact the personal or professional lives of Grady faculty or staff and will not weaken other existing programs of study. There are no plans to reactivate this major in the future.

II. Conditions for Deactivating or Terminating Programs

The deactivation (temporary suspension) or termination (discontinuation) of programs is expected to address satisfactorily the conditions listed below in order to be approved and implemented within the University of Georgia. Please provide sufficient information to confirm each condition.

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

Discussion of program deletion was approved by Grady College faculty at the fall 2016 faculty meeting. (Minutes of the meeting can be provided upon request.)

2. State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program.

In the past five years of its existence, zero students have been enrolled in the major.

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.

There are no students currently enrolled in this program.

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 re-deployed?

No impact is expected on personal and professional lives of faculty or staff.

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?

Other programs of study will not be weakened by the deactivation of this major since no students have been enrolled in the program for at least five years.

6. What plans, if any, is there for subsequent reactivation or reinstatement, respectively, of the deactivated or terminated program?

There are no plans to reactivate the program. The termination of this program will be effective the semester after approval.

Approvals on File

Proposal: Termination of the Major in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies (A.B.)

College: Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication

Proposed Effective Term: Spring 2018

School/College:

- Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication Associate Dean, Dr. Alison Alexander, 9/19/2017