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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources to terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Community Forestry will be an agenda item for the January 25, 2019, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Interim Provost Libby V. Morris

Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

**OUTLINE FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION
OF A GRADUATE OR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM**

I. Basic Information

1. **Institution:** University of Georgia **Date:** November 26, 2018
2. **School/College:** Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources
3. **Program/Degree:** Undergraduate Certificate in Community Forestry
4. **Deactivation or Termination:** Termination
5. **Last date student will be admitted to the program:** Fall 2017 (none enrolled since)
6. **Last date students will graduate from the program:** Spring 2018 (last student)
7. **Abstract of the deactivated or terminated program:**

The goal of the Undergraduate Certificate in Community Forestry was to provide a broader foundation and greater depth in community forestry and tree health care subject areas than is provided by any of the existing majors at UGA.

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.**

The Warnell Curriculum Committee and the Warnell faculty unanimously supported the termination.

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

To better suit the needs of students in the field, Warnell faculty within this expertise area and an ad-hoc committee of senior professionals working in this field outside of the University unanimously recommended terminating the certificate and replacing it with an area of emphasis. In 2018 Community Forestry and Arboriculture was formally approved as an area of emphasis in the School's Natural Resource Management and Sustainability major (B.S.F.R.). The certificate is being terminated now that the area of emphasis is in place.

3. **State the plans for allowing those students already in the program to complete degree requirements, including specific information on a.) how student will be notified of the program termination and b.) how students will be counseled on completing the program.**

Enrollment data from fall 2018 indicates no students are currently pursuing the certificate. No new students have been accepted into the program since 2017, and the last student in the program graduates in spring of 2018. The website for this program (<http://communityforests.uga.edu/>) will be removed.

4. **What will be done to minimize the impact of 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?**

The termination of the program will not affect any faculty or staff as no teaching or advising assignments will change. There are no courses that are solely offered to support this certificate program.

- 5. What will be done to ensure that deactivation or termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?**

Any students with similar interests will be counseled regarding options with degree programs offered by the Warnell School (e.g., the Community Forestry and Arboriculture area of emphasis, see above) to meet the same educational and professional objectives.

- 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 or reinstate the certificate.

Approvals on File

Proposal: Terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Community Forestry

College: Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2019

School/College:

- Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Dean, Dr. W. Dale Greene, 11/26/2018