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MEMO

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From: Steven B. Caudill, Kaye Distinguished Professor and Chair, Department of Economics, College of Business

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ITEM: Establishment of a "economics" entry gate on our formerly open-access BS in economics program.

WHY: This ITEM does not involve any changes to the degree program. It is just a gateway filter. Right now the General Economics degree is open and so is the BGS. Our advisers have assured me that if students have a choice between the two, as they do currently, they will choose General Economics. Presently, over 100 of these GE "declared" majors have not taken even 1 economics course. The presence of this entry gate will increase the cost of choosing General Economics and nudge the disinterested in the direction of General Studies. The primary effect will be to remove the excess credit hour problem from the Economics department/degrees and move it to the BGS degree.

There will be a secondary benefit in terms of prerequisites which will ultimately improve the quality of the instruction for our majors. I believe some of our students are not taking calculus before taking intermediate microeconomics. Presently, they can get away with this only in our open access BS degree program. This entry gate will solve that problem.

These changes have been unanimously approved by the faculty of the department of Economics.

General Economics Proposed Admissions Standards

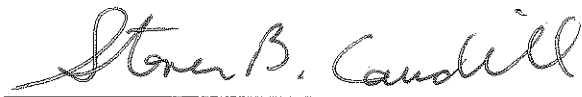
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Currently the General Economics admissions requirements are:

- Attain a cumulative FAU GPA of 2.0
- Earn 60 credit hours
- Complete foreign language entry (FLENT) requirements

The proposed General Economics admissions requirements are:

- Pass the following pre-major courses : ECO 2013, ECO 2023, and MAC 2233 with grades of "C-" or better; for pre-economics admissions GPA calculation, only the highest grade of multiple attempts is used.*
- Students who have attempted any of the pre-economics admissions courses more than three times (including withdrawals / "Ws") cannot be admitted
- Earn a minimum of 51 credit hours
- Complete foreign language entry (FLENT) requirements



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