MEMORANDUM

October 19, 2007

TO: Robert C. Webb, Interim Dean, Graduate Studies

FROM: Sam Kirkpatrick, Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Management

RE: Five-Year Joint Degree Programs for the Bush School and Department of Economics

The Bush School of Government and Public Service and the Department of Economics have collaborated to introduce joint degree programs that allow Economics majors to enter the Bush School at the beginning of their fourth year at Texas A&M University. This enables students an opportunity to receive their Economics undergraduate degree and either a Master of Public Service and Administration degree or the Master of International Affairs degree in 5 years. These 5 year joint degree programs are structurally similar to one that currently exists between the Department of Political Science and the Bush School, enabling Political Science undergraduate degree students to also obtain a Master of Public Service and Administration. Attached you will find a description for each of these 5 year joint degree programs with Economics, including specifics about the curriculum, program administration and application procedures.

Since these proposed joint programs involve undergraduate education as well as graduate education, they have already been approved by the Department of Economics, the College of Liberal Arts Graduate Instruction Committee, and for undergraduate consideration, are in the Office of the Faculty Senate. The attached should now receive Graduate Council review and action, further enabling the undergraduate component and the graduate component to come together at the Faculty Senate level. I have also attached a letter of support from the Bush School to the University Curriculum Committee reflecting this collaborative project. The Bush School Graduate Instruction Committee has also approved these joint degree proposals.

Thank you in advance for ensuring that staff appropriately place this on the Graduate Council agenda for our meeting scheduled for November 1. I will be pleased to respond to any questions you might have about this new opportunity for our students.

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TAMU Economics and Bush School of Government 5 Year Joint Degree Program

The Economics Department and the Bush School of Government & Public Service introduce a joint degree program that allows economics majors to enter the Bush School at the beginning of their fourth year at Texas A&M University. This enables students an opportunity to receive their Economics undergraduate degree and a Master of Public Service and Administration (MPSA) graduate degree in five years.

Description
Students admitted to the joint-degree program will have completed 96 hours of the 120 hours of course work required to receive their bachelor’s degree. These courses must include all of the specific prerequisites for a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, as well as the courses required by the College of Liberal Arts and by Texas A&M University for an undergraduate degree.

Economics Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts

- ACCT 209,210 or 229,230 (6 hours, BS), ACCT 209 or 229 (3 hours, BA)
- English writing (6 hours)
- English literature (6 hours)
- History (6 hours)
- Political Science (6 hours)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)
- Humanities and Fine Arts (9 hours)
- Natural Sciences (8 hours)
- Modern Language, intermediate level (6 hours, BA)
- Quantitative Methods (12 hours)
- Kinesiology (2 hours)
- Economics Electives (24 hours, BS), (21 hours, BA)
- BS or BA General Electives (5 hours)

Admitted students will be enrolled in Bush School graduate courses with an undergraduate classification (U4) for the fall of their fourth year and will be re-classified as degree-seeking master’s degree students (G7) upon completing 108 credit hours. This will normally occur at the beginning of the spring semester of their fourth year.

Students will be required to complete the same two-year, 48 hour curriculum as other students admitted to the Bush School’s MPSA program. The curriculum combines nine core courses in public management, policy analysis, economics and research methods with seven electives, two of which may be taken in other departments at Texas A&M. A professional internship is also completed in the summer between the first and second years at the Bush School for those without substantive professional experience.
First Year

Fall
BUSH 601: Leadership and Public Admin*
BUSH 611: Public Policy Formation*
ECON 607: Microeconomic Analysis
BUSH 631: Quantitative Methods I*

Spring
BUSH 632: Quantitative Methods II²
BUSH 622: Public Finance³
Two electives chosen in consultation with advisor*+

Summer
Professional internship required for those without substantive professional experience.

Second Year

Fall
BUSH 675: Capstone Seminar I
BUSH 615: Policy Analysis
Two electives chosen in consultation with advisor+

Spring
BUSH 676: Capstone Seminar II
Three electives chosen in consultation with advisor+

1 Economics course double-counted as Bush School requirement.
2 Bush School course double-counted as ECMT 463 Economics requirement
3 Bush School course double-counted as Economics elective.
* Bush School courses double-counted as general electives
+ Up to three of the seven electives may be taken outside of the Bush School with the approval of the student’s advisor.

As indicated above, students will double-count courses taken in the Bush School as credit towards their MPSA degree and as substitutes for some of the economics electives and some of the general electives required for their bachelor’s degrees. ECON 607 will double-count as an economics elective and as credit towards the MPSA degree.

Administration/Application
Economics majors who have at least a 3.25 GPA and who will have taken all of their prerequisite courses and otherwise completed 96 hours by the fall of their fourth year will be eligible to apply for the five-year program during their junior year. Applicants to the five-year program will submit the same materials (including GRE scores) as other MPSA applicants, and those whose records are judged to be competitive by the mid-January deadline will be invited to attend the GBS Interview Conference Weekend in late February/early March. The admissions criteria for the five-year program will be the same as for other MPSA students.

Students who choose not to finish the MPSA degree after being admitted to the five-year program may exit that program at any time. Completed MPSA courses will be applied toward their bachelor’s degree in economics, as appropriate. Failure to complete the MPSA program will in no way impede their ability to attain a bachelor’s degree in economics when the requirements for that degree are completed.

Advising for the five-year program will involve a coordinated effort by the Undergraduate Program Office in Economics and the director of the MPSA program in the Bush School. Advising by the Economics Department will help ensure that interested students have satisfied the prerequisite course requirements for their bachelor’s degrees by the beginning of their senior year. The MPSA director and GBS director of recruiting will also be available for economics students who wish to set up appointments to talk individually about the MPSA program’s
curriculum and career opportunities available to its graduates. For curriculum information, contact Kimberly Reeves at kreeves@bushschool.tamu.edu or 862-8821 for an appointment with Dr. Jeryl Mumpower. For application and general information, contact Kathryn Meyer at kmeyer@bushschool.tamu.edu or 862-3476.
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Students will be required to complete the same basic two-year, 48 hour curriculum as other students admitted to the Bush School’s MPIA/IED Track program. The standard MPIA curriculum includes six core courses, at least two area concentrations of 3 courses each, and four elective courses or an additional concentration. Joint program participants must choose two areas of concentration from the 3 modules which are sponsored by the IED Track. They also must take Quantitative Methods in Public Management II (BUSH 632) as one of their area concentration courses. An international internship or an intensive language and cultural study for those without substantive professional experience is completed in the summer between the first
and second years at the Bush School. All students, for whom English is their native language, must pass an oral examination demonstrating proficiency in one foreign language before graduation.

**Semester I**

- Bush 601: Leadership & Public Administration
- Bush 608: Fundamentals of the Global Economy
- Bush 631: Quantitative Methods in Public Management
- Bush 606: International Politics in Theory and Practice

**Semester II**

- Bush 605: American Foreign Policy since World War II
- Bush 632: Quantitative Methods in Public Management II
- Concentration course
- Concentration course* or elective**

**Summer**

- International Internship or
- Intensive Language & Cultural Study

**Semester III**

- 4 concentration courses or electives*

**Semester IV**

- Bush 670: Capstone Seminar
- 3 concentration courses or electives*

**International Economics & Development Concentrations**

- International Economic Development
- International Economics
- Transfer Pricing

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August 31, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Curriculum Committee

FROM: Dick Chilcoat, LTG, U.S. Army (Ret.)
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The Bush School of Government & Public Service

SUBJECT: Five Year Dual Degree Proposals between the Department of Economics and the Bush School

We wish to affirm that the faculty and administration of both our master's degree programs at the Bush School see multiple benefits from the establishment of a five year dual degree between our respective Master's Degree Programs at the Bush School and the Department of Economics. We believe that this will open an intellectually exciting and promising career path for a select group of Texas A&M students. It will encourage further constructive links between the faculties of the Economics Department and the Bush School. It will create for the Bush School a small cadre of top flight students to provide a core in each program's annual admissions.

For all these reasons, the Bush School is enthusiastic about the prospect of establishing this arrangement.

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