

Approved by the Regents
February 17, 2011

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT: New Undergraduate Degree Program by the Department of Economics,
College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval to offer a new Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics,
College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2011

The College of Arts and Sciences, through the Department of Economics, at the University of Michigan-Flint proposes a new undergraduate degree program, "Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics," effective March 1, 2011. This is in response to needs of our undergraduate students who are interested in a more discipline-specific economics field of study than currently offered. This also serves to provide students with a more rigorous option for those interested in graduate school, given the quantitative nature of graduate school in economics and the profession in general.

The Bachelor of Science Degree will include two concentrations: the General Program in Economics and the Honors Program in Economics. Requirements for the General Program will include all general education requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree; 36 credits in economics; 1 statistics course; an introductory course and at least nine credits in advanced courses in social sciences other than economics; and MTH 121 and 122, for a total of 124 credits for the BS degree and 53 credits required by the major.

The curriculum is designed to provide students with both the fundamental background and the specialized knowledge needed for analyzing and understanding major economic issues and achieving their goals, such as obtaining positions in business and government and gaining admission to graduate programs in economics, business, law, and related fields. Students will acquire the requisite theoretical and analytical knowledge and understanding that will enable them to analyze real world economic problems and present their results to decision makers in industry and government.

The proposed BS in Economics has been thoroughly reviewed and supported by the University of Michigan-Flint College of Arts and Sciences faculty, Academic Affairs Advisory Committee, the Chancellor's Advisory Committee for Budget and Strategic Planning, as well as the provost and chancellor.

The proposed degree program fully supports the educational mission of the University of Michigan-Flint. Pending approval of the proposal, the program will begin to admit students for fall 2011 semester. The program will be included in the Department's comprehensive student

outcomes assessment plan which has been approved by the University of Michigan-Flint Academic Assessment Committee. We currently have sufficient faculty and space to initiate this program.

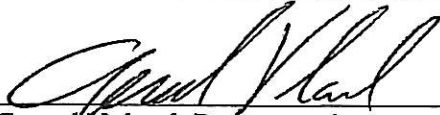
We therefore enthusiastically recommend and endorse the proposed Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics, effective March 1, 2011.

RECOMMENDED BY:

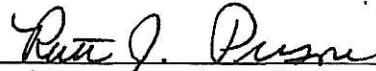


D. J. Trela, Dean
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RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Gerard Voland, Provost and
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Ruth J. Person, Chancellor
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