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December 1, 2008

MEMO

To: Dr. Jeannine Blackwell  
Dean of the Graduate School

From: Dr. Mike Mullen  
Associate Dean

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Mullen', written over a horizontal line.

Re: University Scholars Proposal between Georgetown College and the Department of Agricultural Economics

Attached please find a proposal for a University Scholars Program between Georgetown College and the Department of Agricultural Economics. This agreement will allow students pursuing the Economics degree at Georgetown to take up to 12 hours of graduate credit towards both their BA at Georgetown and the MS in Agricultural Economics. The department supports this opportunity and there are already students at Georgetown who are potentially interested in enrolling this coming fall. This was approved by the College on November 19th, 2008.

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The UK Department of Agricultural Economics offers particularly gifted and highly motivated students at Georgetown College the opportunity and challenge of integrating their undergraduate and graduate courses of study in a single continuous program culminating in both a baccalaureate degree in economics and a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics. This MS program is designed for students with an interest in agricultural policy, price analysis, agricultural marketing, farm management, domestic and international economic development, and resource and production economics. The program offers the added benefit of allowing students to take graduate-level courses during the fourth year of their undergraduate program, thus reducing the overall amount of course work.

The total number of hours for the combined program may be up to 12 fewer hours than the total required for earning both the bachelor's and the master's degrees separately. Undergraduates must meet all the requirements for the bachelor's degree in economics as specified by Georgetown College, as well as all requirements of the UK Graduate School and the Department of Agricultural Economics. Students must be approved by their department chair and the Georgetown College Academic Policy Committee before entering the program.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

An application to the program should be submitted at the end of the student's junior year. Applicants should have completed at least 90 credit hours of work toward the bachelor's degree in economics, or be eligible for senior standing in the semester they are admitted to the program. The student's undergraduate grade point average must be at least a 3.5 in the applicant's major field and a 3.2 cumulative.

Applicants to this University Scholars program must submit the standard UK Graduate School application form at or before the end of the junior year. Application forms are available in the Graduate School Admissions Office or on-line at [www.rgs.uky.edu/gs/gsappliation.html](http://www.rgs.uky.edu/gs/gsappliation.html).

Students applying to the program are expected to submit all materials required of the Graduate School and the Department of Agricultural Economics, including:

- Two official transcripts in sealed envelopes sent to the Graduate School directly from the Registrar of Georgetown College, as well as transcripts from any other institutions attended;
- Official score on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE);
- Three letters of recommendation, two academic and at least one from a Georgetown College faculty member;

- Personal statement outlining the student's interest, educational and career goals.

Students must also have completed required prerequisites, including intermediate microeconomics (ECO 313), intermediate macroeconomics (ECO 311), calculus (MAT 109 or 125), and statistics (MAT 111). ECO 304 (Regression Analysis) is strongly recommended.

The Director of Graduate Studies for the Agricultural Economics program will make admissions decisions. Students must register in the UK Graduate School for all graduate work taken following admission to this program. Program participants may take no more than six graduate hours per semester prior to the awarding of the bachelor's degree, except by recommendation of the Director of Graduate Studies and with the approval of the Dean of the Graduate School. Students must have both an undergraduate and a graduate advisor and would need to identify a mentor in the faculty of the Agricultural Economics program at UK.

The Department of Agricultural Economics requires either: (Plan A) 24 hours of course work, a research thesis and an oral final exam; or (Plan B) 36 hours of graduate credit and an oral final exam. Plan A is recommended for students who wish to be eligible for graduate assistantship positions after the completion of their undergraduate degree.

During the transition year, the student should consider selecting from the following coursework at UK:

Fall semester:

AEC 503	Price Theory and Applications
AEC 545	Resource and Environmental Economics
AEC 620	Advanced Production Economics
ECO 590	Introduction to Quantitative Economics
ECO 601	Advanced Microeconomic Theory
STA 570	Basic Statistical Analysis

Spring semester:

AEC 510	International Trade and Agricultural Marketing
AEC 532	Agricultural and Food Policy
AEC 624	Advanced Quantitative Methods in Agricultural Economics
AEC 626	Agriculture and Economic Development
AEC 653	Local Economic Development
AEC 661	Programming Models in Agricultural Economics

## TUITION

During the 4<sup>th</sup> year of study, students will pay tuition and fees to Georgetown College. Students will pay Georgetown College the current resident rate. Georgetown College will compensate the University of Kentucky at the full-time resident tuition rate for each

student enrolled in the program full time (9 credit hours), or the current UK credit hour rate per credit hour for residents if the student is enrolled part time.

In the 5<sup>th</sup> year of study, students will pay all tuition and required fees to the University of Kentucky at the then-current full-time or per credit hour rates for resident or nonresident students.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Approved:

For University of Kentucky:

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For Georgetown College:

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Dr. William H. Crouch, Jr.

## Brothers, Sheila C

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**From:** Menciondo, Marta  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2009 3:12 PM  
**To:** Brothers, Sheila C  
**Cc:** Menciondo, Marta; Barnes, Thomas G; Jane Hayes; Schoenberg, Nancy E; Arrington, Michael; Wermeling, Daniel; Wasilkowski, Greg  
**Subject:** The Senate Programs Committee meeting on October30th 2009

Sheila,

The Senate Programs Committee met on Friday October 30th at 1 PM.

Our recommendations are:

### **Master of Science in Manufacturing Systems Engineering Graduate Certificate Ooption:**

Approval provided that:

- 1) They include a paragraph about the demand for this program
- 2) The routing sheet is available

### **Graduate Certificate in Vocal Pedagogy:**

Approval

### **Master of Science in Agricultural Economics University Scholars Program:**

We need the following:

- 1) Some form of communication (letter/ email/ etc) from Georgetown College stating that they agree.
- 2) A paragraph on Demand.
- 3) A paragraph on their plans to offer the same option to UK students or students from other universities?
- 3) Is there a precedence for this kind of arrangement at our University? Sheila, you may be able to answer this for us.

Please let me know if I should communicate with Mike Mullen about the additional information needed or if you will do it.

Tx,  
Marta

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November 11, 2009

Dr. Mike Mullen  
Associate Provost  
Office of Undergraduate Education  
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Dear Dr. Mullen:

I am writing to confirm Georgetown College's continuing interest in the possibility of a program with the University of Kentucky that will allow our students pursuing an Economics degree to take graduate courses in Agricultural Economics that would count both toward their Bachelor's degree at Georgetown College and their Master's degree at University of Kentucky. This agreement would be similar to existing agreements between Georgetown College and UK's Martin School of Public Policy and Administration and between Georgetown College and UK's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce.

We anticipate that the initial demand for this program is likely to be small but comparable to our partnerships with the Martin and Patterson Schools (one or two students a year); however, we believe this program could grow over time as a result of growth in our extracurricular Equine Scholars program.

I support this initiative and believe it can have benefit to both institutions. I look forward to the opportunity to launch this program in the near future.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Rosemary A. Allen  
Provost/Dean of the College  
Georgetown College

Provost/Dean of the College

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MEMO

TO: Senate Council

FROM: Dr. Mike Mullen  
Associate Provost and former  
Associate Dean, Agriculture



RE: University Scholars agreement with Georgetown College

I am responding to the questions on the Georgetown College University Scholars agreement in my capacity as former Associate Dean from Agriculture. I helped initiate this proposal. The College of Agriculture and the Department of Agricultural Economics are fully supportive of this effort. I, along with Drs. Nancy Cox and Jeannine Blackwell, met with representatives from GC on February 27, 2008. At that time we agreed that given the College of Agriculture Equine degree program and GC's Equine Scholars program, it was time to look at collaborative efforts. A first step was to develop the University Scholars agreement between GC and the Agricultural Economics MS program.

You have a letter from Provost Rosemary Allen signifying the support of Georgetown College. This is not a new precedent in that there are already agreements in place with GC and the Martin and Patterson Schools here at UK.

There is already a University Scholars program in place for undergraduate Agricultural Economics students to enter the graduate program in the senior year. Dr. Robbins, chair of the department, also indicated willingness to discuss this opportunity with Economics if there is interest.

This is an excellent opportunity to bring additional high quality students into the Agricultural Economics MS program and I strongly support its approval.

c: Dr. Larry Jones, Interim Associate Dean, Agriculture  
Dr. Larry Grabau, Assistant Dean, Agriculture  
Dr. Michael Reed, Director of Graduate Studies, Agricultural Economics