

Resolution 2016-17.E

Resolution to Discontinue Major in Economics, in Bachelor of Science in Business

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

First Reading: November 7, 2016

Second Reading:

Approved by University Council:

Approved by President:

Effective Date: Spring 2022

WHEREAS, Virginia Tech has offered both a Bachelor of Science in Business with a Major in Economics and a Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Economics since 1961; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Department of Economics became one of seven departments founding the College of Science; and

WHEREAS, the granting of two economic degrees in two separate colleges does not reflect national standards or a desirable organizational structure for the university; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Tech seeks to align its resources to reflect academic mission and resource efficacy; and

WHEREAS, the university will continue to offer a Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Economics through the College of Science; and

WHEREAS, the students currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Business with a Major in Economics have been notified of its discontinuance; and

WHEREAS, a teach-out plan has been developed to insure students currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Business with a Major in Economics may complete and be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Business; and

WHEREAS, no new students will be admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Business with a Major in Economics after the entering cohort of Fall 2016 and the January 2017 change of major period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Major in Economics, in Bachelor of Science in Business be discontinued effective spring 2022, with the last Major in Economics, in Bachelor of Science in Business be awarded in May 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

That discontinuance of the Major in Economics, in Bachelor of Science in Business be approved effective Spring 2022 and the proposal be forwarded through University governance and to the President for approval.