

Graduate Council Resolution in support of a Reasonable and Moderate Extension for addition of an accelerated MS degree in Agribusiness Economics in the College of Agricultural Sciences

RATIONALE

**Whereas**, the College of Agricultural Sciences has proposed the addition of an accelerated MS degree in Agricultural Sciences; and

**Whereas**, the accelerated MS program would require 141 credit hours to complete instead of the usual 150 credit hours (120 BS + 30 MS); and

**Whereas**, 9 400-level credit hours would be double counted toward the undergraduate degree and the Master's degree, thus resulting in only 21 "extra" credit hours taken after the completion of the BS for the completion of the MS degree; and

**Whereas**, the objective of the accelerated BS – MS degree is to attract highly quality SIUC students into the Agribusiness Economics graduate program in order to enhance graduate enrollment within the department; and

**Whereas**, the addition of the accelerated MS degree will have no anticipated budgetary effects as the program will draw upon existing resources;

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**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the proposed RME for the addition of an accelerated MS degree in **Agribusiness Economics** in the College of Agricultural Sciences.