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TO: DR. DAVID PHILLIPS, INTERIM ASSOCIATE DEAN, CLASS  
FROM: RUXANDRA BOUL, UNDERGRADUATE DIRECTOR/ECONOMICS  
SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR A CHANGE IN THE MINIMUM GPA REQUIREMENT TO DECLARE A  
MAJOR IN ECONOMICS  
DATE: 2/24/2012

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The Department of Economics would like to change the GPA requirement for declaring a major in economics. In the last few years we have experienced a substantial increase in the number of students declaring economics as their major (355 in fall 2010 to 518 in fall 2011). Some of the reasons behind the increase in enrollment are the changes in the major declaration requirements and rules in Bauer College of Business and UScholars. However, our department struggles with allocating adequate instructional and advising resources to help our students in making timely progress towards graduation.

The documented increase in the demand for our major, in addition to our commitment towards high quality education, has contributed to our decision of increasing the minimum GPA from **2.00** to **2.25** for declaring a major in Economics.

We are aware that an increase in the minimum GPA requirement will most likely result in a reduction of students in the short run but we hope that it will increase the quality of our students, will significantly decrease the time towards graduation and will eventually increase the number of Economics majors that will meet our standards.

If approved, we will add the following paragraph to the Catalog Language:  
(<http://www.uh.edu/academics/catalog/colleges/las/majors/economics/index.php>)

**Economics Major**

**Admission Requirements**

***In order to become a major in the Department of Economics, UH students must have a minimum 2.25 cumulative GPA on all college course work.***

Approved by CLASS  
Undergraduate Studies Committee

  
Dr. David Phillips

2-24-12  
Date