January 12, 2015

Dr. Martha Venn  
Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
University System of Georgia

Re: Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Studies

Dear Dr. Venn,

It is with great enthusiasm that I confirm my full support for the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Studies being proposed by Augusta University. The program will provide tremendous academic growth opportunities for both our existing and future students. The College of Education will be a contributor as well as a recipient of the benefits of this program as I envision many of the customized programs of study will involve various aspects of our course offerings.

I am inspired and appreciative of the leadership of the Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences on the interdisciplinary and collaborative approach demonstrated in the creation of this degree program. I am equally impressed with the student-focused program of study which has been developed by Pamplin's curriculum committee. This kind of model for academic programming will move Augusta University closer to its vision of being a destination of choice for students and its mission of providing leadership and service.

We look forward to working with the Pamplin College and the rest of the Augusta University academic community in this very important degree offering. I am confident that our efforts will yield great success for our students and contribute significantly to the forward direction of our Institution.

Sincerely,

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Dean and Professor  
College of Education  
Augusta University
2015-01-13

Dr. Martha Venn
Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
University System of Georgia

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Dear Dr. Venn,

I am writing on behalf of the College of Science and Mathematics in support of the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Studies degree program proposed by the Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at Augusta University. We believe there is compelling demand for this program and are excited about the opportunity to contribute intellectually to the Program’s success. Our College was part of the very early discussions regarding the Program and is well-informed on the ways in which the Colleges will work together.

As Augusta University is the hub for the education of health-care practitioners in the State of Georgia, our institution attracts many students desiring to be physicians, dentists, nurses, or other allied health professionals. While many of these students receive their pre-health sciences foundation in the College of Science and Mathematics, some students become interested in other areas and desire to track their academic focus to those interests. The BA in Integrated Studies would enable such students to complement their science interests with pursuits in the arts, humanities and social sciences in ways that position them for individualized career paths.

We believe that the development of the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Studies degree program requires the attentive leadership and forward thinking that the Pamplin College has the opportunity to demonstrate for its students. It is a vital and necessary component of the student-centered direction of Augusta University.

Yours truly,

John C. Sutherland, PhD
Professor of Physics and Interim Dean
College of Science and Mathematics
January 11, 2015

Dr. Martha Venn
Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
University System of Georgia

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Dear Dr. Venn,

I am delighted to write this letter of support for the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Studies degree program proposed by the Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at Augusta University. I have been a strong supporter of the proposed program since its inception and believe that it embodies the guiding collaborative principles embedded in the Institution’s academic planning philosophy. I recognize that the transformative influence of integrating multiple areas of interest is critical to the academic as well as personal development of our current and future students.

On almost every list describing college majors most frequently chosen by students, business administration is listed near the top. However, we recognize at the Hull College of Business that many of our graduates leverage their business degrees to pursue other interests. The BA in Integrated Studies would allow this integration of interests to be formalized and organized in a way in which it meets both student and workforce need. Using the course offerings from the Hull College of Business, students will be able to leverage a foundation in business to pursue other fields in the Arts or Sciences.

It is our fervent aspiration that the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Studies degree program becomes part of the academic portfolio here at Augusta University. We are encouraged that a collective investment into our students completing their academic endeavors and pursuing their dreams will translate into substantial returns.

Sincerely,

Mark Thompson, PhD
Dean and Professor
Hull College of Business