



September 17, 2010

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Dear Dr. Mauricio,

As president of the UGA Alumni Association, and on behalf of the more than 260,000 graduates, it is my pleasure to endorse the proposal of the university's Quality Enhancement Plan Committee to add a freshman seminar to the school's curriculum as part of UGA's periodic accreditation process from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

I am pleased to say that UGA alums played a significant role in this process through their responses to a survey of ideas more than a year ago. As such, the Alumni Association is proud to have played a key role in assisting and enhancing the accreditation procedure.

Therefore, the University of Georgia Alumni Association heartily endorses the plan to have a mandatory one credit, academically-focused, seminar for incoming first-year students taught by a tenure-track faculty member. We share the belief that this seminar will greatly add to the student-experience while at UGA and will lead to enhanced alumni engagement after graduation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Vic Sullivan'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'V'.

Vic Sullivan
President, UGA Alumni Association