

To: Provost Peter Lange

Fr: China Faculty Council

Re: Fuqua School China MMS Proposal

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 26, 2011, the China Faculty Council met with Dean Bill Boulding and Senior Associate Dean Jennifer Francis to discuss the MMS China Proposal, approved by a vote of the Fuqua School faculty by a vote of 50 in favor, 8 opposed and 5 abstaining.

After due consideration, the China Faculty Council has concluded that this proposal has been fully vetted by the Fuqua faculty and constitutes a prudent approach, given inevitable uncertainties, to development of a MMS program with a focus on doing business in East Asia. In particular, the proposal demonstrates concern to insure this program will not jeopardize the strengths of existing programs, or distort or otherwise weaken the research activity of the faculty. It also demonstrates a commitment to developing synergies between this new program and existing programs at Fuqua. Our discussion made it clear that Fuqua has given considerable thought to the potential benefits of "embedding" a program in China, and to the potential that such a program may have for furthering the understanding of the particular challenges of doing business in China and enhancing the research of its faculty. The China Faculty Council noted in particular that the Fuqua administration has begun the process of engaging faculty from other parts of the University, who have expertise related to China, as it continues to develop this program.

Both the written proposal and the Deans demonstrated a commendable awareness that uncertainties related to the implementation of this program will require continued close monitoring and may require adjusting going forward.

cc. Susan Lozier, Jeff Vincent