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Office of the President  
February 21, 2025

Members, Board of Trustees:

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE: MARTIN-GATTON COLLEGE OF  
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of an undergraduate certificate in Pre-veterinary Medicine, within the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Background: The proposed certificate in Pre-veterinary Medicine will introduce undergraduate students to the magnitude, possibilities and rigors of veterinary school programs and career options, while being mindful of intangible but critical skills such as communication, collaboration, decision-making, financial literacy and resilience. These skills will be invaluable tools as students investigate issues that may affect them individually and in the veterinary profession. Students completing the certificate will have the opportunity to investigate cumulative costs of their veterinary education, techniques for lowering the amount of borrowed money and debt repayment options. This certificate aims to support a more well-rounded, mindful, adaptable pre-veterinary student who has the tools to both prepare their most competitive veterinary school application and contribute significantly to the ever-changing veterinary medical community.

The proposed undergraduate certificate has been recommended to the Provost by the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment faculty, given their expertise within their respective disciplines. The Provost of the University supports the program faculty's recommendation.

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Action taken:  Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_