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Professor Thomas A. Kochan
Chair, Sloan Undergraduate Program Committee
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Dear Tom,

This letter is to confirm that CUP has received Sloan's revised plan to control temporarily the size of the minor in management (August 8, 2004) and approves as a four-year experiment the proposal to establish the pre-lottery specified in this plan through which a fixed number of students who wish to declare a minor in management would receive Sloan student status for bidding on subjects that are in the minor's curriculum. The terms of the approved experiment remain those outlined in my letter of May 12 (see attached). I would like to reiterate that the CUP expects the first pre-lottery to occur in Spring 2005, with a review of the experiment to be conducted in Fall 2008.

Please contact Anna Frazer or me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



J. Mark Schuster
Chair of the Committee on the Undergraduate Program

Encl. Sloan pre-lottery plan, August 8, 2004

cc: R. Bras, Chair of the Faculty
J. D. C. Little, Member, Sloan Undergraduate Program Committee
A. Meyer, Chair of the CoC
J. Meldman, Director of Undergraduate Programs, Sloan School of Management
D. Micus, Executive Officer, CoC
A. Frazer, Executive Officer, CUP



May 12, 2004

Professor Thomas A. Kochan
Chair, Sloan Undergraduate Program Committee
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Dear Tom,

This letter is offered as a revision to that of April 27 and is intended to clarify how Sloan student status will be offered to minors in the bidding process once the pre-lottery is discontinued.



Members of the CUP were pleased to meet with Dean Meldman and Professor Little on April 14 to discuss further your plans for temporarily controlling the size of the proposed minor in management. Committee members continue to be enthusiastic about the proposed minor and recognize the value the program would bring to MIT's undergraduate offerings. The Committee was interested to hear your proposal for limiting enrollment while you ramp up your resources to meet the full student demand for this program. Members appreciated the School's desire to keep the minor open to as many students as can be accommodated in as fair a manner as possible.

The CUP approves as a four-year experiment your proposal to establish a pre-lottery through which a fixed number of students who wish to declare a minor in management would receive Sloan student status for bidding on subjects that are in the minor's curriculum. This approval is based on the understanding that some percentage of additional seats in subjects required for the minor will be left open to non-Sloan students who participate in the bidding lottery. It is the further understanding of the CUP that students who manage to register for subjects without prioritized status in the Sloan bidding lottery would be eligible to receive credit for the minor if they are able to complete all necessary requirements in this manner.

With respect to timing, the CUP expects the first pre-lottery to occur in Spring 2005 for status in the bidding on Fall 2005 classes, when the minor will become available. The Committee will conduct an interim review of the pre-lottery shortly after Add Date in Spring 2007, based on data from the pre-lotteries conducted in Spring 2005 (for the fall of that year) and Spring 2006 (for Fall 2006). This interim review will allow time to make adjustments to the pre-lottery held in Spring 2007 should they be necessary. The experiment will be reviewed in Fall 2008, early in the fourth year of the minor. It is CUP's intent and expectation that the experiment will expire at the end of the 2008-09 academic year, at which point the necessary resources will be in place to satisfy the demand for the

minor. At that time, upon declaring the minor, students will receive Sloan student status for the purpose of bidding for admission to any Sloan subject in the curriculum of the minor; in bidding on Sloan subjects not included in the minor curriculum, these students will have the same status as non-Sloan MIT students. Implementation of the experimental pre-lottery is contingent upon the minor program receiving the necessary approval from the Committee on Curricula.

Jeff Meldman has agreed to update the proposal that was submitted to CUP to take account of the comments that were made by Committee members at the April 14 meeting. It is important that we have a document that reflects the current design of this pre-lottery as soon as possible so that we might circulate it more widely to inform the full Faculty of this experiment.

CUP members agreed that the distinctions between the areas encompassed by the minor in management and the major in management science are not significant enough to warrant a CUP review of the curriculum. Although Committee members would be interested to see the curriculum for their information, the CUP will defer to the CoC on approval of the minor's program.

Please contact Anna Frazer or me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mark Schuster', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. Mark Schuster
Chair of the Committee on the Undergraduate Program

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