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TO: Board of Governors

FROM: Cammy Abernathy, Dean
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RE: B.S. in Biomedical Engineering

This proposed degree program requires the completion of 132 credits. This is required:

(a) To accommodate the curriculum to provide the knowledge and skills expected of biomedical engineering students in the workplace and professional schools, and
(b) To satisfy the accreditation requirements from ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology).

We therefore request an exception to the 120 credit hour to degree regulation for this major. In addition, we are requesting that this program be designated limited access due to:

(a) The very large anticipated demand
(b) Limited resources, especially in the growth phase
(c) The development and maintenance of the quality of the program, especially in the early stages