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Office of the President  
February 20, 2026

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 Coffee Science and Culture in the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Background: The proposed certificate in Coffee Science and Culture will cultivate the next generation of coffee scientists, professionals and passionate enthusiasts by offering transdisciplinary education across the entire coffee value chain, from farm to cup. The certificate will provide students with the skills to evaluate the history and sensory attributes of coffee to address key social, economic and environmental challenges and opportunities. Students graduating with an undergraduate certificate in Coffee Science and Culture will be prepared for a wide range of careers, including those in agriculture, food science and food business, as well as global development, economics and sustainability.

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 \_\_\_\_\_