MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 18, 2008

TO: ASCRC

FROM: Douglas Dalenberg, Chair, Department of Economics

RE: Revision to Group 3b Symbolic Systems requirements in Economics

Request: Revise the approved Group 3b Symbolic Systems requirement for Economics majors from:
Math 150 and Math 241
to
Math 241 and Math 150 or
Math 241 and Math 152 and Math 153

Justification: The currently approved sequence may not be as clear as we wish. Since our catalog language allows students to take either MATH 150 Applied Calculus or the MATH 152-153 calculus sequence, we want to be clear that students who take the calculus sequence fulfill the requirement.

Current Catalog Language: The online catalog found at http://www.umt.edu/catalog/cas/economics.htm#degree states:
Non-economics courses required for the undergraduate degree are: MATH 117 and MATH 150 or MATH 152 and 153; MATH 241 (or equivalent).

We do not wish to include MATH 117 in the sequence because we often waive that requirement for students who enter with a strong math background.

Remaining Issue: Would students who substitute an equivalent for MATH 241 still fulfill the Group 3b requirement? The current catalog language allows such a substitution.