

## **Failure to follow directions: An economic approach**

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Since economics is the study of choices, I examine whether students at Augusta State University choose to follow directions when submitting abstracts for the Tenth Annual Phi Kappa Phi Student Research and Fine Arts Conference. Previous conference organizers failed to adequately account for all the time costs associated with organizing such a fabulous conference. As such, the planning committee has imposed stricter abstract submission guidelines. I am interested in examining the “economic” impact of this new restriction. My hypotheses are as follows: student research quality will be no worse than last year, number of accepted submissions will be no less than last year, and the time cost to the planning committee will be no more than last year. Future research will report the results from this submission process and examine the number of submissions from students, the quality of submissions, and preparation time of the planning committee.

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