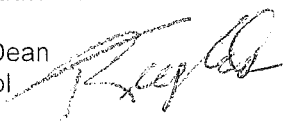




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DATE: April 5, 2011

RE: Minimum G.P.A. for Admission to the Graduate School

I am asking the Graduate Council to consider a proposal to change the minimum overall G.P.A. for admission to a master's degree program from 2.75 to 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. The rationale for this proposal includes:

- to make our admission standards reflect the increased competitiveness of our master's degrees;
- to provide consistency in the application of the minimum GPA requirement across degree programs. (see below);
- to ensure that students admitted to our master's degree are eligible to hold assistantships and tuition awards which require a minimum undergraduate or graduate G.P.A. of 3.00.

2009-10 Graduate Catalog:

Doctoral programs: To be admitted to a doctoral program after a bachelor's program, an applicant should have earned an overall GPA of at least 3.0 in the bachelor's degree program.

Master's programs: an overall grade point average of at least 2.75 (based on a 4.0 scale) on all of the applicant's previous work beyond high school. The average for the junior and senior years, or its equivalent, must be a 3.0 or better.

Proposed Graduate Catalog Revision

Doctoral and Master's Programs: *To be admitted to a doctoral or master's program, an applicant must have earned an overall GPA of at least 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) in the undergraduate degree or in the latest graduate degree program. A given program may have more rigorous admissions criteria.*

Because admissions decisions are based on a holistic review of an application, exceptions to this minimum G.P.A requirement may be made on a case-by-case basis as warranted.