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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Michael Green, President
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From: Dr. Rob Roy McGregor, Chair
UNC Charlotte Graduate Council

Date: October 5, 2011

RE: Revised Motion to Change Minimum GPA for Admission to the Graduate School

On April 5, 2011, the Graduate Council forwarded to the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) a motion to change the minimum overall GPA for admission to a master's degree program from 2.75 on a 4.00 scale to 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. The FEC returned this motion to the Graduate Council for clarification of the effective date of the policy change and resolution of the discrepancy between the Graduate Dean's comment about flexibility in accepting students and the absence of such a statement in the Council's motion. At its meeting on September 6, 2011, the Graduate Council reconsidered its original motion to address the issues raised by the FEC. The Council concluded that the new minimum GPA should become effective immediately on final approval of the requested change and that a statement about flexibility in accepting students should be included in the new catalog copy. Therefore, on behalf of the Graduate Council, I am communicating the following revised motion to the FEC:

The Graduate Council moves that, effective immediately, the minimum overall GPA for admission to a master's degree program at UNC Charlotte be raised from 2.75 on a 4.00 scale to 3.00 on a 4.00 scale and that the following revised Graduate Catalog copy be approved:

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. However, because admissions decisions are based on a holistic review of an application, exceptions to this minimum GPA requirement may be made on a case-by-case basis as warranted. A given program may have more rigorous admissions criteria.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

