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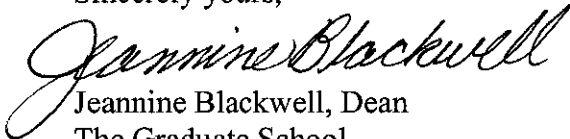
Dr. Ernest Yanarella, Chair  
University Senate  
201 Main Bldg.  
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Dear Dr. Yanarella:

At its meeting on October 14, 2004, the Graduate Council voted to approve the proposal to combine tentative and provisional admission status into a single "conditional" admission entity. The Council submits this recommendation for the consideration of the Senate.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeannine Blackwell".

Jeannine Blackwell, Dean  
The Graduate School

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cc: Rebecca Scott  
Jacquie Hager

PROPOSAL TO COMBINE TENTATIVE AND PROVISIONAL ADMISSION STATUS INTO A SINGLE "CONDITIONAL" ADMISSION ENTITY

If certain requirements are lacking at the time of application, students can currently be admitted either "tentatively" or "provisionally" (or in some cases both "tentatively and provisionally"). Most often, students are admitted "tentatively" when a final undergraduate transcript showing an awarded Bachelor's degree is lacking. The student has 30 days after the beginning of their first semester to present the transcript or they are declared academically delinquent. "Provisional" admission is commonly granted to applicants who have yet to present GRE (or equivalent) scores. Alternatively, programs may request that an applicant is admitted in "provisional" status until certain deficiencies are corrected (for example, completion of specific undergraduate courses) or until the performance on initial coursework can be evaluated. The student has one full-time semester (or up to 12 hours) to satisfy all provisional requirements. In reality, many students remain in provisional status for much longer periods of time. International students are typically not granted provisional status.

It is proposed that tentative and provisional status be combined into a single entity; "conditional" admission.

A. Both domestic *and international students* may be admitted "conditionally" for:

1. Receipt of a final undergraduate transcript showing an awarded Bachelor's degree.
2. Receipt of official GRE/GMAT scores (upon the recommendation of the Director of Graduate Studies).

These requirements must be met *before the date set for priority registration in the first semester of enrollment*. Students will not be allowed to priority register if these requirements are not met (the specific registration dates for their semester of entry and the consequences of failure to meet these requirements will be *clearly* spelled out in their acceptance letter).

B. Programs will have the option to recommend that both domestic *and international students* be admitted "conditionally" for:

1. Completion of deficiencies, such as taking specific required undergraduate courses.
2. Program review upon completion of a specified number of hours of coursework

Requirement 1 must be met *prior to the qualifying examination (for doctoral students) or the final examination (for master's students)*. The program must recommend a course of action to the Graduate School if requirement 2 is not met.

C. Graduating Seniors/Part-time Graduate Students: Seniors at the University of Kentucky who lack no more than 6 credit hours for graduation, but who otherwise meet admission requirements, may be admitted into the Graduate School in "conditional" status.