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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members University Senate

FROM: University Senate Council

RE: AGENDA ITEM: University Senate Meeting, Monday, April 14, 1997.
3:00 PM Proposal to revise University Senate Rules, Section IV - 4.2.5.4,
Combined Bachelors/Masters Degree Program --University Scholars

Proposal: [Eliminate bracketed sections; add underlined sections]

4.2.5.4 Combined Bachelors/Masters Degree Program--University Scholars

Admissions

Applications to the University Scholars' Program will follow current procedures and rules for admission with the following additions:

- A The program is open to undergraduates with senior standing who have completed at least 90 hours of course work and should have satisfied all university studies requirements. Application to the program should be at the end of the student's junior year.
- B The master's program should be in the field of the undergraduate major.
- C The undergraduate grade point average (UGPA) should be greater than or equal to 3.5 in the student's major and 3.2 overall.
- [D An applicant must provide evidence of superior scholarship in the proposed area of study. Examples of such evidence include a project, a

term paper or other creative endeavors that indicate achievement beyond what is normally expected.]

[E The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) must be taken prior to entering the program.]

[F]D Application to the program will follow the current procedures for application to the Graduate School, subject to the above conditions. Admission decisions will be made by the Graduate Dean or his/her appointee. [, and including a letter from the Director of Graduate Studies evaluating item 4 above. The application and supporting evidence will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School.] (See Section V., 5.2.2 and 5.4.1.6)(US: 9/13/82)

Note: Degree Requirements: The total number of credit hours completed for the combined program may be twelve (12) fewer than the total required for both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Requirements for the bachelor's degree will be unaffected.

Rationale: The proposed revisions in the University Scholars program streamline the admission process and thus encourage and facilitate the entry of outstanding undergraduate students into the University's graduate programs.

Implementation Date: Summer 1997