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TO: Members, University Senate

FROM: University Senate Council

RE: **AGENDA ITEM:** University Senate Meeting, Monday, December 13, 1999, 3:00 p.m. in the W.T. Young Library Auditorium. Proposed Changes in University Senate Rules, Section IV, Policy for Admission to Engineering Standing in Mechanical Engineering

Proposed: (delete bracketed section; add bold)

University Senate Rules Section IV

**4.2.2.10 College of Engineering** (US: 4/25/84; 2/12/96;) Admission to engineering standing in a degree program is necessary in order to be granted a baccalaureate degree in engineering or computer science. Students must complete at least 30 of the last 36 hours of their programs in residence at the University. Specific departmental requirements for admission to engineering standing are as follows. The same criteria are applied to transfer students with the equivalence of courses determined by the Director of Undergraduate Studies. A student must apply to the specific department for admission to engineering standing. Note: The cumulative grade point average includes all college level work taken at the University of Kentucky or elsewhere.

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**Mechanical Engineering**

Completion of at least 50 semester hours applicable to the degree program with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Completion of ENG 101, ENG 102, (or ENG 105), MA 113, MA 114, MA 213, MA 214, CHE 105, CHE 107, PHY 231, PHY 241, PHY 232, and PHY 242 with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 in these courses. A student may [repeat four of these courses in order to improve this grade point average, except that he/she may not repeat a course in which he/she already has a grade of "A". All attempts (up to a maximum of sixteen) in this group of twelve courses will be included in the calculation of this grade point average. No grade will be dropped. Attempts in excess of the first sixteen will not be included in this calculation] **exercise official University of Kentucky repeat options as appropriate. Written request for an exception to the number of repeats should be submitted to the Director of Undergraduate Studies.**

Rationale:

To be more consistent with the requirements for Engineering Standing throughout the College of Engineering. The exception to the number of repeats is for non-traditional students who may have matured during the time since the courses were originally taken. Since the UK system does not have an expiration date on grades and has specific rules on transfer courses from other universities which limits a student's bankruptcy options, this exception is, in effect, a department granted bankruptcy. Guidelines for UK Academic Bankruptcy will be followed in these cases, so precedent exists for procedure here.

The proposal has been reviewed favorably by the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee and the University Senate Council and is recommended for approval.

Implementation: Fall Semester, 2000

US Agenda: Change in Mech Engr standing 12.13.99