University of Kentucky Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee

- From: Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (Joe Sottile (Chair), Janice Almasi, Todd Cheever, Christopher Feddock, Carl Lee, Alan Nadel, Glenn Telling, Zachary Fuqua)
- To: Sheila Brothers, Office of the Senate Council
- Date: January 19, 2010

The following proposal has been reviewed by the University Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee and was unanimously approved.

Request for Change in Master of Business Administration

Currently, prospective students are required to submit scores of their GMAT. The request is to permit GRE scores as a substitute for GMAT scores.

The language proposed by the College of Business and Economics for inclusion in the Graduate Bulletin is provided below.

"The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is required for admission in the MBA program"

There are no plans to define a minimum score for the GRE.







May 19, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brian Jackson

FROM: Merl Hackbart

At a meeting of the Gatton College Faculty held May 8th, the faculty approved program changes for the Doctoral Degree Program in Business Administration and the Master in Business Administration Program. The changes involve acceptance of the GRE as well as GMAT aptitude tests for those who apply to either of these college wide programs. The relevant forms are attached.

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM

Program:	MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)			
Department/Division:	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION			
College:	GATTON COLLEGE	Bulletin pp		······
Degree Title (Old):	MBA	Major (New):	MBA	
CIP Code:		HEGIS Code:	······································	
Accrediting Agency (if a	oplicable): AACSB	1999		

I. CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

		Current	Proposed
1.	Number of transfer credits allowed (Graduate School limit: 9 hours or 25% of coursework)	N/A	
2.	Residence requirement (if applicable)	N/A	3
3.	Language(s) and/or skill(s) required	N/A	
4.	Termination criteria	N/A	
5.	Plan A requirements*	N/A	
6.	Plan B requirements*	N/A	
7.	Distribution of course levels required (At least one half must be at 600+ level & two thirds must be in organized courses)		
8.	Required courses (if applicable)	N/A	
9.	Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)	N/A	
10.	Final examination requirements	N/A	

* If there is only one plan for the degree, plans involving a thesis (or the equivalent in studio work, etc.) should be discussed under Plan A and those not involving a thesis should be discussed under Plan B.

NOTE: To the extent that proposed changes in 5, 6 or 8 above involve the addition of courses in other programs, please submit correspondence from the other program(s) pertaining to the availability of such courses to your students.

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11. Any other requirements not covered above

Acceptance of GRE scores as a substitute for the GMAT wherever applicable.

II. RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S)

If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements. Current policy dictates that when prospective students submit applications only the GMAT is acceptable. This policy

was based on the fact that the great majority of applicants had undergraduate degrees in business administration and the GMAT was the test taken by those wishing to go further and get an MBA

Today's MBA applicants come from very varied academic backgrounds including engineering, computer science, the humanities and sciences for which the graduate level aptitude test is the GRE. This variety in academic backgrounds is seen as very desirable by the Corporate and Business World when recruiting MBA's for employment. To encourage such individuals

to consider a UK MBA acceptance of their GRE scores is an inducement to apply as the extra costs involved in taking the GMAT are considerable. Moreover experience has shown that whether GRE or GMAT is used as satisfying application requirements for MBA programs admitted students with the requisite scores perform equally well.

Signatures of Approval:

Date of Approval by Department Faculty Reported by Department Chair 18/09 ate of Approval by College Faculty by College Dean Jeannine Blackwell 2005 Council Chair, *Date of Approval by Undergraduate Council -04'00' *Date of Approval by Graduate Council Reported by Graduate Council Chair *Date of Approval by Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC) Reported by HCCC Chair *Date of Approval by Senate Council Reported by Senate Council Office *Date of Approval by University Senate Reported by Senate Council Office