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Proposal Name: Proposed Change to *Senate Rules 4.2.2.12* ("Admission Requirements," "Undergraduate Programs," "Admission to the College of Communication and Information Degree Programs")

This is a recommendation that the University Senate approve the College of Communication and Information request to change SR 4.2.2.12, reflecting updated admission requirements, major requirements, advising, and removal of language regarding graduate admissions.

Rationale: For 12.2.2.1, the programs in the College of Communication and Information wish to review their upper-division admission requirements for cumulative grade point average on an annual basis. The GPA requirement will be determined by October 15 and will apply to the following Fall semesters. Pre-major requirements are updated and stated for each major, including the addition of the Information Communication Technology major. 12.2.2.3 relates to graduate admissions. The majority of the language in that section was removed as it refers to undergraduate admissions and not graduate.

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College of Communication and Information
Undergraduate Admission Requirements
February 28, 2019

On November 1, 2018, Robert Grossman from the Senate Rules and Elections Committee contacted Shari Veil, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs in the College of Communication and Information, regarding conflicting undergraduate admission rules. Under section A of the rules we listed a 2.0 cumulative GPA admission requirement. Under section C.2., which is described as Admission to Graduate Programs but continues to list undergraduate admission requirements, we listed a 2.60 cumulative GPA requirement. The College Retention Committee, which is comprised of Directors of Undergraduate Studies, Sequence Coordinators, and Advising/Recruiting Directors, met to discuss and clarify the undergraduate admission rules. Each DUS/sequence coordinator solicited feedback from their respective units to propose admission rules. The changes were compiled into a single document and reviewed and voted upon by each unit within the College of Communication and Information.

JOU and MAS voted unanimously to approve the changes on January 9, 2019.

ICT faculty voted unanimously to approve the rule changes on January 25, 2019.

COM faculty voted unanimously to approve the rule changes on February 6, 2019.

ISC faculty voted 12 (for) to 1 (against) to approve the rule changes on February 27, 2019.

The revised document includes the following changes:

1. An Annual Admission GPA (no higher than 2.60 or lower than 2.0) determined by each unit in the fall of each year for the following year:

   Admission without provisions to the University is sufficient for lower-division admission to the College of Communication and Information. However, lower-division admission to the College or any admission to the University does not guarantee upper-division admission to one of the degree programs in the College of Communication and Information. In general, admission depends upon the qualifications and preparation of the applicants, as well as the availability of the resources for maintaining quality instruction.

   Annually, degree programs in the College of Communication and Information will review the admission requirements and determine the cumulative grade-point average (Annual Admission GPA), if any, that would be acceptable below the 2.60 standard. The Annual Admission GPA will be no lower than 2.0 (see Appeal Process for special circumstances). This GPA will be made available in the Undergraduate Advising Office of the College of Communication and Information by October 15 of each year. This GPA will be effective the following fall. The GPA would be effective for any student applying for upper-division admission to a degree program, regardless of the time of her/his enrollment in the University.

2. Updated language to reflect changes to UK core requirements:

   completion of eight UK Core areas including Composition & Communication I and II, Quantitative Foundations, and Statistical Inferential Reasoning (STA 210 or STA 296).

3. COM pre-major GPA including Composition & Communication I and II requirements with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.60 in all pre-major courses

4. ISC minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 in ISC 161 and ISC 261 or JOU 204

5. Addition of ICT as a major with minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 or greater in pre-major courses

6. Addition of language regarding the Completion Programs

7. Updating of language regarding advising

8. Removal of language regarding graduate admissions

4.2.2.12   College of Communication and Information

[US: 12/7/87; US: 5/5/2003]

4.2.2.12.1   Admission to the College of Communication and Information Degree Programs

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In order to be admitted with upper-division major status to any of the four five undergraduate majors (Communications, Integrated Strategic Communications, Journalism, or Media Arts and Studies, or Information Communication Technology) offered by the College of Communication and Information (CI), an applicant must fulfill the following requirements:

1. enrollment in the University of Kentucky (students are considered for acceptance by the College only after acceptance by the University);

2. completion of 30 semester hours of course work;

3. completion of eight UK Core areas including Composition & Communication I and II, Quantitative Foundations, and Statistical Inferential Reasoning (STA 210 or STA 296);

34. minimum 2.02.60 cumulative grade-point average or the current Annual Admission GPA for the degree program, whichever is lower;

45. completion of appropriate pre-major requirements as stated below for each major:

    a. Communication—completion of COM 101; CIS/WRD 110; COM 252; CIS/WRD 111; COM 249, Composition & Communication I and II requirements with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.002.60 or greater in these courses.

    b. Journalism—completion of JOU 101, JOU 204 (grade counts double), and any political science course with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 or greater in these courses.

    c. Integrated Strategic Communication—completion of PSY 100, ISC 161, and ISC 261 or JOU 204, and a statistics course (e.g. STA 200210, STA 291296) with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.002.50 or greater in ISC 161 and ISC 261 or JOU 204these courses.

d. Media Arts and Studies—completion of MAS 101, MAS 201, TEL 201, and a statistics course (e.g. STA ~~200~~210, STA ~~291~~296) with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 or greater in these courses.

e. Information Communication Technology—completion of ICT 200, ICT 201, and ICT 202 with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 or greater in these courses.

5. ~~completion of UK Core requirement areas I-VIII;~~

6. submission of an application form.

Students meeting these requirements will be designated as "majors" or as students with ~~Upper~~upper-~~Division~~ division standing in the program to which admission is granted. Any student not meeting one or more of these requirements may be granted "pre-major" status in one of the majors.

Admissions Policy & Process. Applications from students outside the University of Kentucky seeking admission to the College of Communication and Information, whether for lower-division or upper division status, may apply for admission during the appropriate dates listed in the University calendar. Students enrolled in other UK colleges on campus may apply for admission during the major change windows listed in the University calendar as approved times to change majors.

Appeal Process. Students who do not meet one or more of the requirements for admission, but who feel that this is due to extenuating personal, academic, professional, or intellectual circumstances, must describe these circumstances in detail in a separate letter of appeal. These circumstances will be considered by a committee of the appropriate program. This committee will be appointed by the Chair or Director of the program department or school. The applicant will be informed in writing of the committee's decision, which also will be forwarded to the College's Office of Undergraduate Studies.

Admission to Completion Programs. Students applying to the degree completion programs in Information Studies or Communication must also have completed 60 hours at another university or have taken an extended absence (at least one year) from UK before applying to the completion program.

Advising. All pre-major and major students will be assigned a professional academic advisor. Advisors are available throughout the year. Students must meet with an advisor each semester prior to Priority Registration.

~~In the admission considerations, when personal, academic professional, or intellectual circumstances tend to discount lower academic scores, admission may be granted if there is other persuasive evidence of both the capability and motivation to undertake successfully a program in the College of Communication and Information (CI).~~

4.2.2.12.2   Enrollment in Upper Division College of Communication and Information Courses

[US 4/12/2004]

Enrollment in College of Communication and Information (CI) courses numbered 300-599 will be limited in order of priority to:

1. majors and minors in a College of Communication and Information (CI) degree program;

2. non-College of Communication and Information (CI) students who are registered for specific programs requiring College of Communication and Information (CI) courses;

3. other students or categories of students with the express permission of the department offering the course (departments may choose to declare certain courses as open enrollment courses).

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Please note that the following are not being considered as this was not submitted as an admissions change to the graduate program. But you need to address this Graduate Program section as the verbiage seems to be confused with undergraduate admissions. (SAY)

4.2.2.12.3 Admission to Graduate Programs

Admission materials for the MA and PhD programs in Communication are due by February 1 each year.

4.2.2.12.3.1 Admissions Policy & Process.

[US: 3/20/89; 2/10/92; SC: 4/24/95; US: 4/12/2004]

Applications from students outside the University of Kentucky seeking admission to the College of Communication and Information, whether for lower-division or upper-division status, must be received by the University of Kentucky Admissions Office no later than April 1 (for the summer session), August 1 (for fall semester) and December 1 (for spring semester).

Students enrolled in other UK colleges on campus may apply for admission during the first week of fall and spring semesters, or prior to the priority registration period. The appropriate deadlines are listed in the University calendar as approved times to change majors.

4.2.2.12.3.2 Applicants Automatically Accepted.

Assuming all else in order, applicants with a 2.60 or above undergraduate grade point average will be accepted. Once accepted, each student will be assigned a major advisor by the appropriate department office.

4.2.2.12.3.3 Admission Based Upon Departmental Review.

Students who do not meet one or more of the requirements for admission, but who feel that this is due to extenuating personal, academic, professional, or intellectual circumstances, must describe these circumstances in detail in a separate letter of appeal. These circumstances will be considered by the Admissions Committee of the appropriate program. This committee will be appointed by the Chairperson of the program. The applicant will be informed in writing of the committee's decision, which also will be forwarded to the College's Office of Undergraduate Studies.

4.2.2.12.3.4   Advising of Pre-majors.

During pre-registration periods, advising of pre-majors will normally be accomplished via collective advising sessions held by each academic unit. Individual advising will be available for those with special problems. For periods between advance registration, including registration at the beginning of each semester, each academic unit is expected to furnish at least one faculty or staff member to advise pre-majors.