



University of Kentucky
The Graduate School

August 12, 2021

Aaron Cramer
Chair, University Senate Council

Dear Aaron,

Thank you for meeting with me this week and I appreciate your support for making sure the Graduate School processes are consistent with University Senate policy. Please consider the following request to bring to Senate Council.

While the University Senate has given Graduate Council the authority to approve individual graduate program's request to eliminate the GRE as one of their admission requirements, based on the program's graduate faculty approval and justification that it is not a useful measure for their admissions decisions. However, last year during the COVID pandemic, Graduate Council received multiple requests from individual programs for a temporary one-year waiver of the GRE admission requirement. The Graduate Council delegated to the Graduate School Dean the authority to approve these requests without Graduate Council approval of the individual requests. Over the past month, the Graduate School Dean has been receiving requests from programs to waive their GRE admission requirement for an additional year due to the ongoing disruptions of COVID-19. The Graduate School Dean has approved several of these so far, and we continue to get requests from graduate programs, but we want to be sure that this is within our authority to do so.

Thank you for considering this request,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha L. Peterson".

Martha L. Peterson, PhD.
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Acting Dean of the Graduate School

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