Faculty Senate Routing Form
(action/proposal attached)

I. Item Title: Policy change on non-degree seeking students, Graduate Catalog edit
a) Brief Description: Allows non-degree-seeking status for graduate students. This allows program directors to invite a potential graduate student, who perhaps has a low GPA, to take one or two classes as a non-degree-seeking student to demonstrate their capacity for graduate level work.

b) Initiated by: Brian Kloeppe

II. Faculty Senate Action: ✓ approved □ not approved □ other date: 10/23/2014

Vote: □ Voice Vote, Unanimous ✓ Voice Vote, Majority In Favor
✓ Electronic Vote: Unanimous

FS Secretary signature: David Henderson date 2/27/2015

III. Provost: □ for information ✓ Recognition of Receipt
□ for action............. □ approved □ not approved

Comments:

Person responsible for Implementation: Graduate School

Provost signature: date 3/2/15

IV. Chancellor: □ for information ✓ Recognition of Receipt
□ for action............. □ approved □ not approved

Comments:

Chancellor signature: date 3/19/15

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- Provost
- Chair of Faculty Senate
- Secretary of the Faculty Senate
- Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (for catalog and handbook)
- Associate Dean of Graduate School (for catalog)
- Others (i.e. person responsible for implementation)
07 October 2014: by Brian Kloeppel, Graduate School

This suggested edit refers to the edited Policy on Non-Degree Seeking Students that was resubmitted and approved on 11 August 2014.

Please edit the sentence from: “Applicants who are not accepted as degree-seeking first-year or graduate students are not eligible for non-degree status”

Please edit the sentence to: “Applicants who are not accepted as degree-seeking first-year undergraduate or graduate students are not eligible for non-degree status”

Justification: Graduate applicants who are denied admission by a Program Director because they may have a low undergraduate GPA are often encouraged by the Program Director to take one or two classes as a non-degree seeking graduate student to prove that they have the capacity to successfully complete graduate coursework. The current sentence above in the policy does not allow denied graduate applicants to take classes as a non-degree graduate student and we would like to see it edited as indicated. Furthermore, if a program does not want non-degree graduate students enrolled in a course, the program can restrict enrollment in the program’s graduate courses. This registration restriction can be incorporated at the time the course is built or at any time during the enrollment window.