Faculty Senate Routing Form
(action/proposal attached)

I. Item Title: International Graduate Student Admission

   a) Brief Description: Allows for a foreign degree evaluation to be waived in certain circumstances.

   b) Initiated by: Graduate School

II. Faculty Senate Action: □ approved □ not approved □ other date: 

   Comments: 

   Vote: □ Voice Vote, Unanimous □ Voice Vote, Majority In Favor □ Electronic Clicker: 
          Ayes Nays Abstentions

   FS Secretary signature: Laura Wright date 8/8/2011

III. Provost: □ for information □ for action.......................... □ approved □ not approved 

   Comments: 

   Person responsible for Implementation: Beth Lofquist

   Provost signature: Beth Lofquist date 8-19-11

IV. Chancellor: □ for information □ for action.......................... □ approved □ not approved 

   Comments: 

   Chancellor signature: David D. Baldris date 10-29-11

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  Chancellor
  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)
Transcript Requirements

In addition to the electronic application form, application processing fee, test scores (GRE, GMAT, or other tests required by the program), letters of recommendation, and official transcripts as specified for each program, international applicants must have their transcripts and full course descriptions translated into English and evaluated by an accepted credential evaluation service. A document-level transcript evaluation verifying baccalaureate-level degree must be submitted to the Graduate School directly from an approved third-party transcript evaluator. Programs may require course-level transcript evaluation for admission and/or transfer credit requests.

A foreign transcript evaluation may be waived under the following circumstances:

1. The international applicant is able to provide evidence that their foreign degree program and/or university meets accreditation standards for the equivalent of a four-year U.S. baccalaureate degree from an accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and/or Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

2. A transcript evaluation by an independent expert may be acceptable in some circumstances, although prior determination of acceptability must be determined by the Dean of the Graduate School.

3. An articulation agreement has been negotiated between Western Carolina University and the foreign degree program and/or degree-granting institution, indicating the program or institution meets U.S. accreditation standards for the equivalent of a four-year U.S. baccalaureate degree.

4. Within a year previous to the submission of the application, another foreign applicant from the same degree program at the same degree-granting institution has provided an official transcript evaluation indicating the degree is equivalent to a four-year U.S. baccalaureate degree.