The Graduate Council met on November 20, 2003 and approved the following:

**Communication**

**Communication – Change in MA Program**
Changing the admission deadline from October 1 and February 1 to February 1 only will allow that all applicants be considered at one time. There are generally few applicants for October 1 and new students are not admitted for the spring semester.

**Communication – Change in Doctoral Program**
- Change admission deadline from October 1 and February 1 to February 1 only.
- New policy re: waiver of required courses.
- New admission procedure.

All of these changes are directed toward (1) ensuring continued academic rigor of the doctoral program, including the reinstatement of the Communication Theory (CJT 651) requirement, and (2) streamlining the admissions process so all applicants are considered at one time. Because of limited resources, the college is instituting enrollment caps that will, however, remain flexible enough to respond to budgetary changes. The college is instituting a new policy regarding the waiver of required courses because many of their students have recently taken the same or equivalent courses at other institutions or in their own program.
REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM

Program: Communication

Department/Division: Ph.D. Program in Communication (interunit program)

College: Communications & Info Studies Bulletin pp

Degree Title (Old): __________________________ Degree Title (New) __________________________

CIP Code: __________________________________

Accrediting Agency (if applicable): __________________________________

I. PROPOSED CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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| 2. Residence requirement          |         |          |
| (minimum of one year before and after Qualifying Exams) |         |          |

| 3. Language(s) and/or skill(s) required |         |          |

| 4. Provisions for monitoring progress and Termination criteria |         |          |

| 5. Total credit hours required (if applicable) | See attached. | See attached. |

| 6. Required courses (if applicable) | See attached. | (change in sequencing and the addition of one course (CJT 651)) |

| 7. Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable) |         |          |

| 8. Minor area or courses outside program required (if applicable) |         |          |

| 9. Distribution of courses levels required (400G-500/600-700) |         |          |

| 10. Qualifying examination requirements |         |          |

NOTE: To the extent that changes in 6 or 8 above involve additional courses to other programs, please include documentation from the program(s) pertaining to the availability of such courses.

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Any other requirements not covered above
1. Change admission deadline from October 1 and February 1 to February 1 only
2. New policy re: waiver of required courses (see attached).
3. New admission procedure (see attached).

II. RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S)
If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements. All of these changes are directed toward (1) ensuring continued academic rigor of the doctoral program, including the reinstatement of the Communication Theory (CJT 651) requirement, and (2) streamlining the admissions process so all applicants are considered at one time. Because of limited resources, we are instituting enrollment caps that will, however, remain flexible enough to respond to budgetary changes. We are instituting a new policy regarding the waiver of required courses because many of our students have recently taken the same or equivalent courses at other institutions or in our own program.

Signatures of Approval:

Date
9/2/03
10/6/07

Date of Notice to the Faculty

*Undergraduate Council

*University Studies

*Graduate Council

Academic Council for the Medical Center

Senate Council

*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL

Rev 11/98
The Graduate Program Committee recommends adoption of the following, effective fall 2004:

1. **CJT 651 (Communication Theory)** is added to the courses required for all doctoral students.

2. The required doctoral curriculum is:
   a. Fall Semester, First Year: CJT 651, CJT 667, and STA 570
   b. Spring Semester, First Year: CJT 631, CJT 645, and CJT 665
   c. Fall Semester, Second Year: CJT 701 and an Advanced Statistics/Methods Course (from approved list)
   d. Spring Semester, Second Year: CJT 790

3. There will only be one deadline for admission, February 1. The October 1 deadline will be eliminated. Students will continue to be accepted for summer and fall admission only.

4. Entering doctoral students can request to waive specific required courses if they submit evidence of equivalent coursework taken and complete a petition at the time of admission. The Review Committee will make the final decision regarding waivers. Students will be required to submit a course syllabus and a copy of the student’s primary course project. The grade on the course must be reflected on the student’s transcript.

5. Admission procedures for the graduate program will be revised to include:
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     3. As students accept or decline admission and financial aid, the Admissions Committee may or may not decide to extend acceptance to additional students on the waiting list.
REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM

Program: Communication

Department/Division: M.A. Program in Communication (interunit program)

College: Communications & Info Studies

Degree Title (Old): 

Major (New): 

CIP Code: 

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REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM

11. Any other requirements not covered above
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II. RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S)
    If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.
    Allows us to consider all applicants at one time. We have generally received few applicants for October 1. We do not admit new students for the spring semester (no change in policy).

Signatures of Approval:

[Signature]
Department Chair

[Signature]
Dean of the College

*Undergraduate Council

[Signature]
Jannine Blackwell
*University Studies
*Graduate Council

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