REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM

Program: Communication

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

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Degree Title (Old): ___________________________ Degree Title (New)

CIP Code: ___________________________

Accrediting Agency (if applicable): ___________________________

I. PROPOSED CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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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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11. 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.

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   Signatures of Approval:

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   Department Chair

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   Dean of the College

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   Date of Notice to the Faculty

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

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   ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL

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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:
   a. Enrollment caps for both the masters and doctoral programs determined each fall by the Program Committee.
   b. A waiting list will be implemented as follows:
      1. By April 1, the first round of students accepted must declare their intention to enter the program.
      2. After April 15, the Admissions Committee may extend acceptances to students on the waiting list in order of priority. Those students will have two weeks to declare their intention to enter the program.
      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.