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OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE BUSINESS PROGRAMS

UC 10753 09F  
(Replaces UC 10475 09F)

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeanette Morales, Academic Program Management  
FROM: Frank Kelley, Associate Dean, Bauer College of Business  
SUBJECT: Proposal for changes to UC 10475 09F: transfer undergraduate admission requirements for the Bauer College of Business  
DATE: December 8, 2009

The Bauer College faculty approved changes to the transfer undergraduate admission requirements to become a pre-business major at the faculty meeting on May 6, 2009. That proposal went forward to UH Undergraduate Council this Fall 2009 as UC 10475 09F. The proposal made reference to a rolling GPA for admission to be determined and announced prior to each recruitment cycle. The Academic Policies and Procedures Committee of the Undergraduate Council recommends that the catalog specify a fixed GPA. The following modification to the original proposal was approved by Bauer College faculty on December 8, 2009, and is being sent forward for re-consideration by Undergraduate Council. The modification sets a fixed GPA at 3.0, but still allows for flexibility on a space-available basis, which meets the intent of the original proposal.

**ORIGINAL PROPOSAL PASSED AT THE BAUER COLLEGE FACULTY MEETING ON MAY 6, 2009 AND SENT TO UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL IN FALL 2009**

**(Language to be changed in a modified proposal is highlighted)**

Admission for transfer students and UH non-business students into the UH Bauer College of Business as a pre-business major is based on a rolling admission policy with a grade point average set by the college at least one year prior to the admission deadline for the academic year. That grade point average will be based upon a recommendation to the dean by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee after a careful review of resources, enrollment trends, and demographic impact, but set at no less than the minimum criteria outlined below but may be set higher. Rolling admissions means UH Bauer College offers

admission to qualified students on an ongoing basis until the class is full or until the dean of the college determines that admission is closed. [this paragraph with a rolling GPA to be deleted]

The minimum criteria for admission to the Bauer College of Business as a pre-business major as a transfer student or UH student with 15-60 semester hours of college credit is a 2.75 or higher cumulative grade point average [this GPA is changed to 3.0 in the modified proposal], including any attempted transfer courses, and if any courses have been attempted at the University of Houston, at least a 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average at the University of Houston. Students with more than 60 semester hours of college credit must meet the same criteria, but the calculation is based on the last 60 hours (if the 60<sup>th</sup> hour occurs in the middle of a semester, all grades for that semester are included in the calculation).

**CATALOG WORDING OF THE MODIFIED PROPOSAL APPROVED BY BAUER FACULTY ON DEC 8, 2009, FOR RE-CONSIDERATION BY UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL**

The criteria for a transfer student or UH non-business student with 15-60 semester hours of college credit to be admitted to the Bauer College of Business as a pre-business major are a) a 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average, including any attempted transfer courses, and b) if any courses have been attempted at the University of Houston, at least a 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average at the University of Houston. Students with more than 60 semester hours of college credit must meet the same criteria, but the calculation of cumulative grade point average is based on the last 60 hours (if the 60<sup>th</sup> hour occurs in the middle of a semester, all grades for that semester are included in the calculation).

In addition, UH non-business students with a cumulative grade point average in the range of 2.75-3.0 on courses at UH and other schools, and with a 2.5 or higher grade point average at UH, who apply to change their major to pre-business will be considered for that change of major at the end of each filing period, starting with students with the highest cumulative grade point average on courses at UH and other schools, until capacity is reached as determined by the dean of UH Bauer College. [this paragraph added]

**Justification and Effective Date**

UH Bauer College is in a significant growth mode at both undergraduate and graduate levels, which combined are in line with the master plan of the university to increase enrollment from 36,000 to 45,000 students over the next decade. The new admission criteria of a 3.0 grade point average allows for stable, controlled growth at the undergraduate level, with accessibility for all students focused on academic excellence. The option for additional qualified students in the 2.75-3.0 range to change their major to pre-

business once they have established a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average at UH allows the college to maximize resources until capacity is reached each application cycle, and encourages students to focus on academic excellence. If approved, the effective date for this proposal would be Fall 2011.