

**Faculty Senate (EPSAC) Response to UCC 0152 10S: GPS Proposed Change in  
Business Procedures when Students Change Program/Plan/Career Level**

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Mark, Monica, Dan, Marybeth,  
we discussed the document Marybeth passed out yesterday and had the following comments:

- 1) we have no concern with regards to point 1 and concur that signature by both departments is a reasonable requirement.
- 2) we disagreed with the suggested use of general petitions. We argue that they should NOT be used for switching within the same program at the graduate level, or at least this should not be standard policy. Otherwise departments that have relatively low standards for admissions for MA students but high standards for PHD students will find themselves with lots of PHD students who transferred from the MA programs, but do not meet the stricter requirements for the PHD programs (which EPSAC argues should be evaluated through a formal application process).
- 3) We agree with point 3. General petitions should not be used for that either.