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Fwd: links to policy from Ask BoBB meeting

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Tue, Nov 5, 2019 at 3:43 PM

Hi Karen,

There is an issue in the graduate admissions policies that I would like the Graduate Council to review and to consider changing.

Under policy 509.3, graduate applicants are required to submit official transcripts from ALL institutions they have attended. At the graduate level, this often includes several institutions making the application process lengthy and burdensome. This seems unnecessary when coursework completed at one school is reflected on transcripts from other institutions. For example, the official UCA transcript of a student who goes to Pulaski Tech, Black River Community College, and Arkansas State University before eventually graduating from UCA will include coursework taken at all of these institutions. Yet, if that student applies for a graduate program here, they are required to provide official transcripts from all four of these schools. I have had several applicants who never completed the application process because they lacked an official transcript from a school they had attended many years before despite having official transcripts from one or more other schools reflecting that coursework. Further, if a student has a graduate degree already, having him/her submit undergraduate transcripts seems unnecessary to me.

As we attempt to address our enrollment issues, smoothing the way for students to apply with minimal effort while maintaining our quality standards is the prudent thing to do. I may be missing something, but this seems to me like one possible way to do so. This was discussed earlier today in the Ask BOBB session. I am forwarding the email chain from Dana Steele resulting from that discussion. Malissa Mathis was copied on Dana's email as she was there and participated in the discussion.

Thanks.
Sonya

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Dr. Premeaux,

Hope this information helps,
Dana

1) Policy 509.3
<https://ualr.edu/policy/home/student/graduate-school-admission/>

under the sub header "the application process" and before the address it states "...students must notify all institutions attended for undergraduate and graduate work to send official transcript to:"

2) Policy from Graduate Council page from 2011 before sending to faculty senate
<https://ualr.edu/graduatecouncil/files/2018/09/April-13-2011-Graduate-School-Admission-Policies-1.pdf>

3) faculty senate minus 4/15/2011

https://ualr.edu/facultysenate/files/2014/05/FacSenMin-2011-04-15_final.pdf

see section G page 6 where the policy was taken to Faculty senate

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Karen Kuralt <kmkuralt@ualr.edu>

Tue, Nov 5, 2019 at 8:09 PM

To: Sonya Fontenot Premeaux <sfpremeaux@ualr.edu>

Sonya,

Thanks for bringing this policy to my attention. I agree -- many of my program applicants have also found the requirement to submit every single transcript to be cumbersome, time consuming, and sometimes expensive. I will raise this issue at tomorrow's Grad Council meeting.

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