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**USFSP KATE TIEDEMAN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
GRADUATE CURRICULA AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE
GCAC**

Minutes of Meeting: October 31, 2014, C.E.

Present: James Fellows, Chair
Maria Corton
Wei Guan
Karin Braunsberger
Alison Watkins, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, *ex officio*
Eric Douthirt, Assistant Director of MBA Program, *by invitation*
Mike Chupa, MBA Recruiter, *by invitation*

Absent: Sharon Segrest

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 12:30pm. The sole topic of discussion was the proposal from the KTCOB MBA program to allow prospective students who have certain professional certifications to be exempt from taking the GMAT. A list of potential certifications is shown on the following page. In addition the proposal included a waiver of the GMAT if the applicant has a master's degree or other higher from a regionally accredited institution such as SACS.

The use of professional certification in lieu of the GMAT, as well as holding another graduate degree, does not guarantee admission, as other factors, i.e., grade point average for upper-level college work and professional work experience, will be considered. In addition international students holding professional certification and/or graduate degrees can waive the GMAT if they submit credible evidence of the professional certification or graduate degree to the Graduate School for approval.

The chair moved that this proposal be accepted, with the caveat that it be brought forth to the faculty for their consideration, and with the proviso that each discipline should determine what is an acceptable professional certification. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the GCAC. The meeting adjourned at 1pm.

[Postscript: Subsequent to the GCAC meeting the proposal was discussed at the ensuing college faculty meeting. The Chair of the GCAC will send forth to the faculty the proposal with a tentative list of certifications for review. The proposal will be discussed at the college faculty meeting on November 21.]

Respectfully Submitted By:

James Fellows, Chair and Amanuensis of the Committee

**LIST OF PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS TO WAIVE THE GMAT
(This list can be expanded or reduced by each academic discipline at their discretion)**

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)

Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O)

Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.)

Juris Doctorate (J.D.)

Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD).

Certified Financial Analyst (CFA)

Financial Licensures (Both Series 7 and Series 24 and either Series 63 or 66

Actuary (Member of American Society of Actuaries)

Lean Six Sigma Certification (from ASQ: The American Society for Quality Training and Certification)

Certified Quality Engineer (CQE) from ASQ

Certified Reliability Engineer (CRE) from ASQ

Professional Engineer (PE): National Engineering Principles and Practice Exam

International Project Management Professional (PMP)

Note: International Students may submit credible evidence to the Graduate School that their professional certifications from other countries, e.g., Chartered Accountant (CA) from Canada and the United Kingdom, is equivalent to the similar certification in the United States.

Note: In lieu of professional certifications applicants may substitute for the GMAT any graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution (SACS or its equivalent for other regions). International students may present credible evidence to the Graduate School that a graduate degree from a foreign university is equivalent to this accreditation.

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