

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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Support to Change Title 5: CSU Graduate/Post-Baccalaureate Admissions Policy

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) support the October 2007 proposal from the CSU Graduate Deans Council to change the California Code of Regulations Title 5 §41000 graduate/post-baccalaureate admissions criteria; and be it further

RESOLVED: That two years after implementation of this admissions criteria change, the impact of the change be reviewed by the Office of the Chancellor and results reported to the appropriate ASCSU academic committees.

RATIONALE: Title 5 §41000 specifies the criteria that qualify applicants for admission to a campus as a post-baccalaureate or graduate student. Existing regulations specify that an applicant may be admitted if the applicant meets all three of the following criteria:

- (1) has earned an appropriate baccalaureate degree (or equivalent preparation), and*
- (2) has attained a grade-point average (GPA) of 2.5 in the last 60 semester units of study attempted, and*
- (3) is in good standing at the last institution attended.*

Research conducted by the CSU Graduate Deans Council on over 1,000 CSU graduate admission applications demonstrated that this three-criteria structure requires admissions offices to confirm more information than is necessary to make a responsible graduate admission decision. Further, the current regulations cause delays in admission decisions while staff conduct transcript research and GPA calculations. Under current regulations, the multiple criteria may serve to disqualify a student who holds an acceptable bachelor's degree but who may not have done well in post-baccalaureate coursework (such as courses taken for professional development or personal interest). The proposed policy changes the second of the three criteria to the following:

- Has attained a 2.5 GPA in*
- a. either a whole baccalaureate program*
 - b. or in the last 60 semester units attempted;*
 - c. or have already obtained a post-baccalaureate (graduate) degree from a regionally accredited institution;*

Under Title 5 §41050, campuses may establish more stringent local requirements for post-baccalaureate and graduate admission. Title 5 §41001 also remains in effect and allows admission by special action, as decided by the appropriate campus authority. The October 2007 proposal from the CSU Graduate Deans Council is attached.

Approved Unanimously – March 6-7, 2008