



College of Business

Inter-Office Memorandum

TO: Clayton Baum, Chair, UGCC

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SUBJECT International Business Major 7867 – change to incorporate GPA

Clayton

Per our discussion via email, I would like to circulate and ask for a vote from the committee members on a refinement to our new International Business (IB) degree that was recently approved by the committee.

When we presented the new degree, we had originally made it such that only juniors with a GPA of 2.75 could apply for the degree program. The committee members pointed out that getting into the degree program didn't necessarily translate into a GPA to graduate from the degree. In addition, the COB had not completely thought out the administration of the IB degree and had proposed using a second pre-IB degree code. These items were removed from the degree when it was approved by the committee.

The COB would like to bring forward an amendment to the IB degree to incorporate the idea of a certain GPA necessary to graduate from the COB with an IB degree. Specifically, we wish to incorporate the idea that if by the junior year, a student does not attain a minimum GPA of 2.75, or by the date of petition to graduate, a student does not maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75, the student will be moved to the Business Administration degree program (7067). All the courses of the IB degree will transfer to the BA degree such that this will not cause any student to miss the expected graduation date; it will simply not allow a student to graduate from what the COB hopes will be their flagship program, unless that student attains and maintains a minimum GPA. This minimum GPA will be subject to review and revision in the future should we determine that 2.75 is either too low or too high.

The idea behind having a minimum GPA for this degree program is to be able to sell it as a flagship program; to avoid having students with marginal GPAs staying in courses that are not designed to facilitate their learning style, and to allow faculty to gear their international courses to a group of students who have more inclination to work as hard as many of these new courses will require.

This memo is being distributed because the COB would like to have this change incorporated into our catalog presentation of this degree in 07-08 and the catalog revisions are due early in the Fall 2006 semester.

Respectfully submitted,