

Resolution Recommending Changes to Allow
Acceptance of Unofficial Transcripts for Admission Purposes

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Whereas many departments only have unofficial transcripts available when timely admission decisions must be made;

And whereas a number of peer institutions are now processing admissions decisions based on unofficial transcripts and only requiring official transcripts after admission (or if there is a question about the unofficial transcripts);

And whereas this procedure will reduce the number of official transcripts that need to be managed during the admission process which will free up staff time;

And whereas allowing departments to make admission decisions based on information from unofficial transcripts will expedite the admission process and possibly increase graduate school enrollment;

And whereas Southern Illinois University, Carbondale has a university-wide commitment to increasing graduate enrollment;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council recommends to the Graduate School that admission decisions may be made with unofficial transcripts as long as official transcripts are received before the admitted student's first registration.

Disclaimer: The Graduate School reserves the right to request an official transcript at any time during the admission process as warranted.