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**DATE:** April 13, 2017  
**TO:** Susan Ford  
Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
**FROM:** Yueh- Ting Lee   
Dean, Graduate School  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution Acted on by the Graduate Council

Attached is a resolution that was voted on at the April 6, 2017, meeting of the Graduate Council.

The Graduate Council expresses support for the Accelerated Master's Guidelines and RME Format submitted to the Council by Dean Lee, with a name change modification to "GUIDELINES AND RME FORMAT FOR ACCELERATED MASTER'S PROGRAMS AT SIUC."

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional details.

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Attachment

Cc: Brad Colwell, Interim Chancellor  
Lizette Chevalier, Associate Provost for Academic Programs  
David DiLalla, Associate Provost for Academic Administration  
Tomas Velasco, Chair, Graduate Council  
Ruth O'Rourke

Graduate Council Resolution in Support of Accelerated Master's Guidelines and RME Format

**Whereas**, the ability to count 9 credit hours of graduate-level course work toward both an undergraduate degree and a Master's degree allows for Accelerated Master's programs that require just 21 credit hours of graduate-level course work beyond the undergraduate degree (instead of 30 hours),

**Whereas**, several Accelerated Master's programs, have already been approved and more are expected to be proposed,

**Whereas**, it is advantageous to have Accelerated Master's programs adhere to uniform standards,

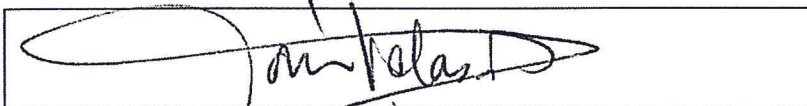
**Whereas**, Dean Lee and Associate Provost Allen (with input from Provost Ford) have drafted guidelines for such programs,

**Whereas**, these guidelines are understood to apply to only future Accelerated Master's programs, and will have no impact on current and already approved programs (including Concurrent Master's Degrees programs),

**Whereas**, these guidelines are understood to not preclude other types of combined, dual degree, or concurrent degree programs,

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Graduate Council expresses support for the Accelerated Master's Guidelines and RME Format submitted to the Council by Dean Lee, with a name change modification to "GUIDELINES AND RME FORMAT FOR ACCELERATED MASTER'S PROGRAMS AT SIUC."


Date of Approval April 6, 2017



Chair, Graduate Council

April 12, 2017

Date



Dean, Graduate School

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