

Graduate Council Resolution in Support of Waiving the TOEFL Requirement for Applicants Holding a Master's degree from an Accredited Institution in the United States

Whereas, the current policy allows the TOEFL requirement to be waived if an applicant “was awarded a Master’s degree at an accredited institution in the United States, [...] obtained a TOEFL score of at least 80/550 immediately prior to beginning graduate studies and [...] has been in residence in the United State continuously prior to application to SIU” (Graduate Catalog Page 14 – Column 2, Exceptions to TOEFL requirement), and

Whereas, the growing trend at Graduate Schools across the nation is to waive the TOEFL exam if applicants have completed a Master’s degree at an accredited college or university in the United States, provided residence has been continuous in the United States, and

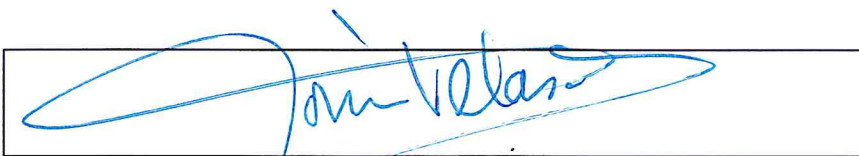
Whereas, allowing the TOEFL exam to be waived for students who meet the criteria will allow us to remain competitive with other colleges and universities in terms of admission policies, and

Whereas, it should not impact quality as individual programs can request that students submit new English Proficiency scores, after consulting with the Graduate School, if they wish.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council allow departments to waive the TOEFL requirement for applicants holding a Master’s degree from an accredited college or university in the United States and that have continuous residence in the United States (not out of the country for more than one calendar year).

Date of Approval

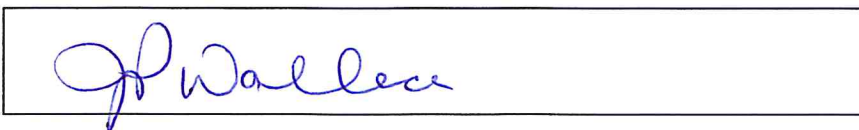
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Chair, Graduate Council

January 29, 2018

Date



Dean, Graduate School

Feb. 6, 2018

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