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ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2005, 2:00 P.M.  
4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, ANDY HOLT TOWER

Present: Matthew Murray (Chair), Ralph Brockett, Michael Keene, Karen Levy, Karla Matteson, Mary Papke, Kay Reed, Belle Upadhyaya. Also attending from the College of Law was Assistant Dean Rachel Inman and from Graduate and International Admissions was Rose Ann Trantham.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Matthew Murray, Chair. The following items were discussed.

1. College of Law Request for Change in Grading System. The following proposal from the College of Law was discussed by the committee.

On page 174 of the 2005-2006 Graduate Catalog, 1<sup>st</sup> Column, under Doctor of Jurisprudence, revise the last two sentences of the first paragraph.

From:

“Grades are on an alphabetical scale from A+ to F. No credit toward the JD degree is awarded for grades of D- or F.”

To:

“Grades are awarded on a numerical scale (in increments of 0.1) from 0.0 to 4.3. No credit toward the JD degree is awarded for grades of 0.0 to 0.7.”

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The committee voted to recommend that the Graduate Council approve this request.

2. Score Minimums for TOEFL-ibT version. Information on the new TOEFL test was distributed. The scoring system and the basic test will change significantly, requiring a new minimum standard to be set by UTK. The new test is internet based and includes a new speaking skills section. The committee will continue to review the test materials on the use of the TOEFL scores and plans to return to Council with a recommendation for the new standard in January 2006.
3. Proposal from the Physician Executive MBA Program (PEMBA) on Admissions Requirements/Processing Changes. The committee continued a discussion of the request from the PEMBA program first considered at the September 2005 committee meeting. The requirement of official transcripts from accredited institutions from applicants to the program was the primary

issue in the discussion. The PEMBA proposal requested that admission to the program be based solely on medical licensure.

The committee voted to deny the request for exception to Graduate Council admission requirements and procedures.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.