

Proposition 11-10/11A Amended 12/9/10

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Proposed Committee Assignment: Long Range Planning

Assigned Committee: University Affairs 12/9/11

Title: Memorial Regarding Requirement of External Transcript Evaluation for Foreign Graduate Student Applicants Prior to Application Submission

Proposal:

Whereas an increase in international awareness is an area of emphasis for the University, and whereas

Involvement of international students in graduate programs increases global awareness, and whereas

New Mexico State University is categorized as a Research Extensive University by the Carnegie Foundation, and whereas

Foreign national graduate students continue to positively contribute to world-class research undertaken at NMSU, and whereas

Many foreign national graduate students come from economically challenged regions of the world, and whereas

The cost of external evaluation of applicant transcripts from foreign universities can be prohibitive for those students to apply to our programs, and whereas

Recent policy changes requiring this additional financial burden for foreign student applicant did not involve prior discussions with graduate faculty regarding the potential impact of this policy on individual graduate programs, and whereas

Preliminary indications within several programs have suggested this policy could have devastating results on graduate student enrollments in those programs and the execution of research projects,

Be it resolved that the Faculty of New Mexico State University request the administration to consult with the Faculty Senate regarding transcript assessment mechanisms that do not impose prohibitive financial burdens on international graduate student applicants.

It is further requested that the current policy be set aside until an equitable policy can be formulated.