



MEMORANDUM

To: Julio Frenk, President

From: Tomás A. Salerno
Chair, Faculty Senate

Date: April 24, 2019

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2018-72(B) – Waive the GRE Requirement for the Master of Science (MS) in Construction Management Program, College of Engineering

The Faculty Senate, at its April 17, 2019 meeting, voted unanimously to approve the proposal to waive the GRE requirement for admission to the Master of Science (MS) in Construction Management program. This change is being made because the GRE does not provide an accurate assessment of the skills required to succeed in the MS program that is geared toward practicing professionals. The detailed proposal is enclosed.

The Faculty Senate does not approve budget concepts, therefore no budget information is included here.


This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

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Enclosure

cc: Jeffrey Duerk, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Jean Pierre Bardet, Dean, College of Engineering
Esber Andiroglu, Director, MS – CM Program

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2018-72(B) – Waive the GRE requirement for the Master of Science (MS) in Construction Management Program, College of Engineering

APPROVED:  DATE: 5/9/19
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Dean Jean-Pierre Bardet

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY
(pending any additional approval by the Board of Trustees)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____



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Proposal Submission Checklist

Proposals are to be submitted to the Office of Assessment and Accreditation (OAA), if applicable, the Graduate Council (for graduate programs excluding Law and Medical), if applicable, and the Faculty Senate. Refer to the [Procedures for Program Changes](#) document for information on the approvals and notifications needed for program changes and the [Proposal Submissions Specifications](#) document for an explanation of the process and a list of the materials required.

(Please note that change approvals can take 2 semesters to complete.)

FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Save/download the form as a pdf.
2. After completing the information below, print and scan the form.
3. Insert it with the background materials that are specified, in the order listed, and submit to facsen@miami.edu.

Please note: only scanned versions can be accepted.

Include this checklist at the beginning of each proposal.

KEY CONTACT PERSONNEL INFORMATION

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Title of Proposal

Proposal for revising the admission criteria for the MS in Construction Management Program in the College of Engineering

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MANDATORY MEMORANDA AND FORMAT

Please check that each item listed below is included in the proposal package of materials, in the ORDER as listed. The applicable title (i.e. Letter of Explanation, Memo from the Dean, etc.) is to precede each section in the materials.

Only proposals conforming to this format will be accepted.

1. This completed checklist.

2. Letter of explanation. (2-3 pages only, double spaced, 12 pt font)

Yes No

If no, explain why:

3. A memo from the dean(s) signifying approval of the faculty of the relevant School(s) / Colleges(s).

Yes No

If no, explain why:

4. A memo that all affected or relevant School / College Council(s) have approved.

Yes No

If no, explain why:

5. A memo from the department chair(s) signifying approval of the faculty of the relevant department(s).

Yes No

If no, explain why:

6. A memo from the Office of Accreditation and Assessment (OAA) if the proposal involves academic programs (degrees, certificates, majors, minors, concentrations, specializations, tracks, etc.) such as new programs, closing programs, or program changes (such as changes in requirements, program length, modality, name, location).

(To be submitted by OAA to the Graduate Council or the Faculty Senate, as appropriate.)

Applicable Not applicable.

If not, explain why:

7. A memo from the Graduate School Dean signifying approval of the Graduate Council (for graduate programs only).

(To be submitted to the Faculty Senate by the Graduate Council.)

Applicable Not applicable.

If not, explain why:

8. Academic Deans Policy Council (ADPC) approval, for interdisciplinary issues and as appropriate. Please consult with the Dean of the Graduate School or the Secretary of the Faculty Senate to check if this is needed.

Yes No

If no, explain why:

Confirmed by the Secretary of the Faculty Senate that this is not needed since it does not involve interdisciplinary issues.

9. Additional required documents as listed on the "Proposal Submissions Specifications," i.e. market analysis, budget information, assessment of library collections, etc. as specified.

List additional documents included:

None

End form.

**Proposal for waiving GRE requirements for admission for the
MS in Construction Management Program in the College of Engineering based on applicant
having a minimum of 3 years of relevant industry experience.**

The Master of Science in Construction Management program is proposing to waive the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) from the program admission requirements for qualified applicants who have a minimum of 3 years of related professional experience. The revised admission requirements will focus on a holistic review of each applicant's preparation and experience.

The MS in Construction Management is a multi-disciplinary program housed in the College of Engineering with collaboration from the School of Architecture, School of Business and the School of Law. The program enrolls students with Bachelor's degrees from Engineering, Architecture, Science, Business or Construction Management.

Standardized test scores such as the GRE or GMAT are generally required for admission to various MS programs in the University and the COE. However there are exceptions such as the Professional MBA program in the School of Business where the GMAT is not a requirement. We note that the MS in Construction Management program is a professional degree which is similar in nature with candidates having varying educational backgrounds and professional accomplishments.

This proposal stipulates that when waiving the GRE requirements, the minimum criteria for admission to the MSCM program will be having an undergraduate degree in:

- Engineering, Architecture, Science, Business and Construction Management
- Three letters of recommendation
- Personal Statement
- Minimum of 3 years of relevant industry work experience

When making final admissions decisions, in addition to the minimum criteria outlined above, as part of the holistic evaluation approach, the program admissions committee may consider additional qualifications consisting of any of the following items:

- Accreditation of the undergraduate degree from a US accrediting organization
- Undergraduate grade point average
- Completion of a prior Graduate Degree, such as Master's, LLM, Ph.D., JD.
- Professional licensure i.e. P.F., AIA, CGC, LEED AP
- Summer internships in a construction related field while an undergraduate

Examples of admission paths for two applicants are detailed below:

Example 1: New graduate – undergraduate degree from an accredited program, cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on 4.0 scale, GRE score of 300, good letters of recommendation and personal statement

Example 2: Applicant with construction experience- undergraduate degree from an accredited program, 3 years of construction industry experience, professional license, good letters of recommendation and personal statement

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2019

TO: Esber Andiroglu, Director of the MS-CM Program
College of Engineering

FROM: Patty Murphy, Associate Provost for University Accreditation
Office of Assessment and Accreditation

RE: GRE Waiver for MS in Construction Management Program

PBM

On March 27, 2019, the College of Engineering notified my office of its intent to waive the GRE requirement for admission to the Master of Science (MS) in Construction Management program (Academic Plan Code: CSMG_MS) effective Fall 2019. The proposed change is being made because the GRE does not provide an accurate assessment of the skills required to succeed in the MS program which is geared toward practicing professionals.

No other changes are being made to the program. Consequently, this proposed change does not "represent a significant departure, either in content or in method of delivery" from what we are currently approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to offer. SACSCOC only requires notification of program changes that represent a significant departure from our current programs. Therefore, no notification or approval is required for this change.

Please contact me if you have any questions at pattymurphy@miami.edu or (305) 284-3276.

cc: Faculty Senate
Guillermo Prado, Dean of the Graduate School
Jean-Pierre Bardet, Dean of the College of Engineering
Karen Beckett, University Registrar
Carrie Glass, Executive Director of Student Financial Assistance and Employment

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 30, 2017
TO: Tomas Salerno
Chair, Faculty Senate
FROM: Guillermo Prado *Guillermo Prado*
Dean, The Graduate School
SUBJECT: GRE Waiver for MS in Construction Management

The College of Engineering submitted a request to waive the GRE scores for students applying to the Master of Science in Construction Management program. The request was discussed at the meeting of the Graduate Council on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, and the Graduate Council members approved the waiver with one condition. The Graduate Council members requested the following addendum be added to the proposal: A minimum of three years of experience required. The type of experience as well as other elements of the application will also be considered.

cc: Jean-Pierre Bardet, Dean, College of Engineering
Derin Ural, Associate Dean, College of Engineering
Antonio Nanni, Chair, Dept. of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering
Wimal Suaris, Graduate Program Director, Dept. of Civil, Architectural & Environmental Engineering
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Date: March 19, 2019

To: Dr. Tomas Salerno
Chair, Faculty Senate

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From: Jean-Pierre Bardet, Dean

Subject: Motion to revise admission criteria for MS in Construction Management Program

The proposed revisions for the admission criteria for the MS in Construction Management Program offered by College of Engineering was reviewed and approved by the College of Engineering faculty council as well as by the Graduate Council on October 17, 2017, as documented in the memorandum dated October 30, 2017 and issued by Dr. Guillermo Prado, Dean of The Graduate school.

A copy of the proposal is attached along with the memorandum issued by Dean Prado. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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To: Dr. Tomas Salerno
Chair, Faculty Senate

From: Dr. Antonio Nanni

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Chair, Department of Civil, Architectural & Environmental Engineering

Subject: Motion to revise admission criteria for MS in Construction Management Program

Date: March 19th, 2019

The proposed revisions for the admission criteria for the **MS in Construction Management Program** offered by College of Engineering were discussed by the Faculty of the Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering. Since this MS is a Program offered by College of Engineering and only administered by the Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering, the proposal review was deferred to College of Engineering Faculty Council where it was approved.

Upon approval by the CoE Faculty Council, the proposal was presented to the Graduate Council on October 17, 2017 where it was also reviewed and approved as documented in the memorandum dated October 30, 2017 and issued by Dr. Guillermo Prado, Dean of the Graduate School.

A copy of the proposal is attached along with the memorandum issued by Dean Prado.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.