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TO: Council on Graduate Studies

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RE: Proposed Revision of Policies related to loss of degree candidacy

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Proposed Revision: The highlighted and bolded material below includes additional language related to loss of graduate degree candidacy. In addition to more traditional “other reasons” for losing degree candidacy (e.g. violations of academic integrity, plagiarism and research misconduct), the proposal contains language that comports with recent revisions to IGP 157.1 regarding disruptive behavior in learning environments and graduate programs with established professional expectations.

Loss of Graduate Degree or Certificate Candidacy

- GPA: If a degree or certificate candidate in academic warning fails to return the cumulative GPA to the required 3.00 level during the next term in which he/she is enrolled, degree and/or certificate candidacy may be lost and the student may be reclassified as a non-degree graduate student. It is the candidate’s responsibility to monitor the GPA.
- Grades Below B: A degree or certificate candidate receiving more than nine semester hours of graduate credit with a grade below B may be disqualified from degree or certificate candidacy and may be reclassified as a non-degree graduate student upon recommendation of the program or the Graduate School.
- Other Reasons: Academic programs may rescind degree or certificate candidacy for other reasons not specified in this catalog, **which may include violations of academic integrity and plagiarism, research misconduct, and violations of established professional expectations within the graduate program**. It is the candidate’s responsibility to be in compliance with university and program policies.
- Non-degree Requirements: Non-degree students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher to continue to pursue graduate course work. It is the candidate’s responsibility to monitor the GPA.