Transfer criteria policy exception: Shiv Racharla

The Council on Graduate Studies Transfer Criteria Policy requires the following:
- Accredited Institution: The courses must be earned from an accredited institution approved by Eastern Illinois University
- Degree Credit: A copy of the "Transcript Guide" provided on the back of official transcripts or an equivalent document must be on file with the Graduate School to document that the course number is equivalent to graded graduate credit applicable to a degree program at the transfer institution.
- Graded Credit: The credit must be offered for graded credit equivalent to an "A" or "B" and not "CR" or "Credit" , "Pass" or any other form of non-graded credit.
- Transferrable for Credit: The course must be approved by the program as acceptable to transfer to a degree program. Some EIU graduate programs publish lists of courses that are acceptable for transfer credit and restrict acceptance to specific institutions and courses.
- Certification Officer Review: The course must be approved by the certification officer in the Graduate School as acceptable for transfer to a degree program.

Shiv Racharla has requested to have six hours of graduate coursework obtained from Everest University accepted as transfer credit in his program in Technology. As outlined below, the courses meet all of the criteria established by the Council on Graduate Studies, except the institutional accreditation criteria. Everest University is accredited by ACICS, the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools. This is a form of accreditation that is not recognized by Eastern Illinois University. The courses meet the remaining criteria:
- Degree Credit: MAN 6307 and MAR 5805 were not used for degree credit at the transfer institution.
- Graded Credit: MAN 6307 and MAR 5805 were graded as B and an A respectively.
- Transferrable Credit: Dr. Liu, Coordinator for the Technology program has reviewed the courses, and is in favor of their being accepted as graduate credit. Here is his response: "I reviewed the course materials presented by the student. The content, format and rigor were identified to be comparable to what we offer by the graduate programs in Technology at EIU. "
- Certification Officer Review: The Graduate School Certification Officer verified that if the accreditation criterion is waived, the courses are acceptable for transfer credit to a degree program.

Graduate Coordinators may petition the council on Graduate Studies to waive the accreditation criteria is other criteria are met. Dr. Liu, Coordinator of the Technology Program petitions the Council to waive the accreditation criterion and accept the courses as transfer credit. Based on the analysis summarized above, the Graduate School supports this request.