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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 7

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

School of Graduate Studies: Proposal of the Department of Public Health Sciences to raise the minimum admission requirement for the Ph.D. Program in Community Health from a B+ to an A-, for inclusion in the School of Graduate Studies calendar on a permanent basis, effective September 2005.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee approves admission policies relating to minor changes to individual programs or to divisional practices and policies.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

This proposal formalizes what has been the existing practice in recent years. The PhD program is highly competitive and only the top candidates are selected. In addition, applicants who do not have an A- average do not qualify for external awards. Therefore it is not in the department's interest to admit applicants with less than an A- average except in rare instances.

The proposal was approved by the Council of the School of Graduate Studies on November 23, 2004.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no new/additional financial resources required.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approve:

THAT the Department of Public Health Sciences raise the minimum admission requirement for the Ph.D. Program in Community Health from a B+ to an A-, for inclusion in the School of Graduate Studies calendar on a permanent basis, effective September 2005.