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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Russell H. Johnsen
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SUBJ: Policy on Graduate Students' GPA

Ref: The FSU Graduate Bulletin, 1991/1992

- a. Academic Standards, page 29
- b. Grade Point Average, page 36
- c. Suspension, Dismissal, and Reinstatement,
page 38

The references cited above appear to be too unspecific for the purpose of calculating grade point averages (GPA) for graduate students. These paragraphs imply that all graduate course work taken at FSU is included in the student's GPA. In fact, current administrative practices are definitive and more closely aligned with the way students now pursue their educational goals.

Accordingly, we need a formal, expressed policy which provides standard administrative procedures for computing GPA's at the graduate level. It should allow for individual exceptions to be approved by your office.

In this regard, I suggest the following policy for your consideration and discussion:

1. The FSU GPA will start over for graduate students in the following admission/readmission circumstances:
 - a. When seven or more years have elapsed since a student was actively enrolled in a graduate degree program at FSU, or;
 - b. a student has earned a Masters/Specialist/Doctorate Degree from FSU and is seeking a second Masters/Specialist/Doctorate, or;
 - c. a student has earned a Masters/Specialist Degree from FSU and is seeking a Doctorate in a different major (6-digit major code).

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2. The FSU GPA will not start over for graduate students in the following admission/readmission circumstances:

a. During any period of time less than seven years in which the student was not actively enrolled in a graduate degree program at FSU, or;

b. a student has earned a Masters/Specialist Degree from FSU and is seeking a Doctorate in the same major (6-digit major code).

3. All requests for exception to this policy must be endorsed by the student's academic dean and submitted to the Dean of Graduate Studies for approval.

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