Resolution #28 1987-88

TO: President John E. Van de Wetering
FROM: The Faculty Senate
RE: X  I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
      II. Recommendation (Urging the filing of)
      ___ III. Other (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)
SUBJECT: Approval of Plan of Study for Graduate Students

Meeting on ___/___/88
(Date)

Signed Richard D. Stein
(For the Senate)

TO: The Faculty Senate
FROM: President John E. Van de Wetering
RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution
    a. Accepted. Effective Date
    b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on
    c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II., III. a. Received and acknowledged
       b. Comment:

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              Signed: [Signature] (President of the College)

Date Received by the Senate: ___/___/88
APPROVAL OF PLAN OF STUDY

RATIONALE

At present, policy and procedure on the relationships of completion of a contractual plan of study for graduate students to their dates of matriculation are variously interpreted. There are some reasons to adopt a flexible and consistent college policy. First, there is agreement that contractual plan of study is necessary for a coherent degree program. Second, in some departments students develop their contractual plans in relationship to a thesis or a similar research topic and the relevant courses cannot be specified before the research topic. Third, access to some financial aid and stipends for graduate assistants require matriculated status. Fourth, existing policy stipulates that a student must complete at least 12 hours of degree requirements after matriculation. Fifth, frequently part-time students are not ready to develop a coherent program until after entering graduate study. With these factors in mind, the Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Curriculum and Policy reconsiders:

RESOLUTION

Every graduate student must obtain approval of a plan of study proposal by the academic department in which the graduate is enrolled within six months after being matriculated officially. Departments may require that students submit such plans earlier or as a condition for matriculation. The appropriate department shall retain one copy of the approved plan, file one copy with the College Admissions Office, and provide one copy to the student. Any student who does not secure approval of such a program within six months after matriculation shall lose matriculated status.