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**Memorandum**

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TO: Dr. Sarah Fishman, CLASS Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies  
FROM: Dr. Beth Olson, Director, Valenti School of Communication, bolson@uh.edu  
DATE: Feb. 13, 2013  
RE: Proposal for change in GPA required to declare a major in Communication

**Background:**

At the Feb. 22, 2012 CLASS USC meeting, a revised proposal to increase the GPA required to declare a major or minor in communication from 2.0 to 2.25 was approved. However, the Undergraduate Council's Academic Policies and Procedures Subcommittee suggested that the proposal submitted had not addressed issues pertaining to transfer students and some other student categories. It was suggested that we withdraw the proposal to do more research into how other UH entities had handled GPA requirements in their catalog language. We have done that.

So, we are now submitting the revised proposal which was approved by our Undergraduate Committee Feb. 13, 2013.

**Action:**

Increase the GPA required to declare a major in communication from 2.00 to 2.25.

Thank you.

If approved, the required catalog language is below (language in another section of the existing catalog says students declaring a minor must meet the same requirements as those declaring a major, so the minor does not need to be addressed specifically):

***General Requirements for the Jack J. Valenti School of Communication***

Students in good academic standing may declare communication as their major and select a concentration at any time. Students interested in the school but uncertain about a concentration may declare themselves Communication Unspecified (COMM-UN) up to completion of 30 hours. Then they must choose a concentration.

To declare a major in the Jack J. Valenti School of Communication a student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.25 or higher on a minimum of 12 semester hours at UH.

- A transfer student or UH non-communication student with 15-60 semester hours of college credit who wants to declare communication as their major must have a 2.25 or higher cumulative grade point average, including any attempted transfer courses.
- Applicants who have completed more than 60 semester hours of college credit need a 2.25 or higher cumulative grade point average on the last 60 hours.

- Transfer students who have earned fewer than 15 semester hours of college credit must meet freshman admission requirements.