Graduate Studies Committee Template

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Title: _____***Change in GRE Requirement* for Special Education (Ph.D., Ed.D., and MSED)**_____

GSC presenter: Matt Boots for Jeff Anderson_____

This proposal is for a...

☒ program change ☐ new program ☐ policy change ☐ new policy

Include responses to each question, as relevant:

1. What are you proposing and why? (If proposing a change, then the description and rationale should be relevant to the change(s) only.)

   The GRE will NOT be required for students who are applying with undergraduate or graduate degrees from accredited U.S. institutions. However, the following will remain in our application materials: "Although the GRE is not required for program admittance, some scholarships/fellowships funding opportunities are predicated on competitive GRE scores"

   Increasing numbers of graduate programs are limiting or fully removing GRE requirements. Over the past several years, master's and PhD applications in special education have been declining. To be responsive to these declines and to changing trends in higher education, the special education program faculty voted on March 6, 2020 to remove GRE requirements for its graduate programs. The goal of this proposed change is to implement a more equitable and inclusive application process and increase the applicant pool to our programs.

2. How will this impact enrollment?
   The goal of this proposed change is to implement a more equitable and inclusive application process and increase the applicant pool to our programs.

3. How will this impact students' time to degree?
   n/a

4. How will this impact specific student populations and/or DEI issues?
   Could be a positive in opening up the applicant pool

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5. How will this impact School of Education resources, including faculty loads?
n/a

6. How will this be effectively sustained over time?
n.a

7. What was the departmental vote tally for this proposal? (e.g., "*12 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstained*")

Approved March 15, 2020

22- Yes

8- Did not respond

0- No