

**GESC Electronic Vote**

**January 14, 2015**

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Committee Members: Holly Irwin, Chair, Kerry Fulcher, Mark Pitts, Michelle Chen, Dean Nelson, Larry Rankin, Dean Nelson, Kim Hogelucht, Phyllis Fox, Michael Lodahl, Enedina Martinez, Nick Pacella

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**Proposal:**

**11 GSC Members**

**6 votes collected**

**YES: 6**

**NO: 0**

**Motion passes**

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**Subject:** GESC: Electronic vote

Good morning GESC,

I have an item that needs your attention.

We are in the nice situation of having students already apply to the MS Kinesiology program! We do have some students that are applying whose GPA is below 3.0. We, thus, need to have a policy in place. Jeff Sullivan has created one, but it needs GESC approval to be official. Would you please take a moment to review the attached policy (rationale included) and send along your vote?

Thanks much!

Holly

**Criteria for acceptance of students under GPA exception**

**PLNU Graduate program in Kinesiology (MS)**

**Rationale:**

Our rationale to use the GRE was to get a sense of cognitive ability without respect to factors that might have influenced GPA in college. The scores for Verbal (150) and Quantitative (140) were chosen as they are similar to comparators. Further, the Verbal 150 is the 50th% and at least one study of PhD Psychology students found the verbal score to be highly correlated with GPA in grad school and a strong predictor of success; whereas quantitative score did not. Thus, a lower score was chosen for the Quantitative standard (140, which is lower %). The rationale

here is that we wouldn't want the "quant" score to keep them out of PLNU, especially if it isn't highly correlated with success in a non-quant grad program.

### **ADMISSIONS UNDER EXCEPTION**

Applicants who do not meet the minimum standards for admissions, but who can demonstrate an exceptionally rich experiential background and/or have shown a dramatic change in academic performance, may petition the academic department or school for a special review of their status. The academic department or school reviews the petition along with the student's application package and determines the merits and appropriateness of the request.

A copy of the petition must be filed with the Office of Graduate Admissions. In order to apply for admissions under exception, the applicant must also provide a statement outlining the applicant's reasons and justification for requesting an exception to admission policies with supporting documentation. The applicant is also required to schedule an interview with a Point Loma Nazarene University academic advisor from the school to which the applicant is applying.

Following the interview, the academic advisor submits a summary of the applicant's interview and petition package to the department chair or dean of the school. The Graduate Studies Committee is the final authority for admissions under exception.

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**Applicants to the Master of Science in Kinesiology with a GPA below 3.0 in their most recent degree (undergraduate or graduate) or in their most recent teaching credential program may be admitted under exception according to the following criteria:**

<b>Applicants with a GPA between 2.7500 and 2.999 may be accepted if:</b>
<b>One of the following:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A combined grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the most recent 60 units of study consisting of any of the following: graduate course work, upper division post baccalaureate course work and upper division undergraduate course work, <b><u>or</u></b></li><li>• A minimum of six units of graduate course work completed with a 3.0 grade point average with no one course lower than a B- grade, <b><u>or</u></b></li><li>• Graduate Records Examination (GRE) scores of 150 Verbal and 140 Quantitative categories.</li></ul>
*Note: Applicants must be reviewed and approved by the Graduate Director.
<b>Applicants with a GPA between 2.500 and 2.749 may be accepted if:</b>
<b>Required:</b>

- Graduate Records Examination (GRE) scores of 150 Verbal and 140 Quantitative.

**One of the following:**

- A combined grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the most recent 60 units of study consisting of any of the following: graduate course work, upper division post baccalaureate course work and upper division undergraduate course work, **or**
- A minimum of six units of graduate course work completed with a 3.0 grade point average with no one course lower than a B- grade

\*Note: Applicants must be reviewed and approved by the Graduate Director and the Graduate and Extended Studies Committee Chair.

**Applicants with a GPA between 2.00 and 2.499 may be accepted if:**

**Required:**

- Graduate Records Examination (GRE) scores are 150 Verbal and 140 Quantitative, **and**
- Must take the first two courses conditionally, achieving a B or better grade.

**One of the following:**

- A combined grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the most recent 60 units of study consisting of any of the following: graduate course work, upper division post baccalaureate course work and upper division undergraduate course work, **or**
- A minimum of six units of graduate course work completed with a 3.0 grade point average with no one course lower than a B- grade

\*Note: Applicants must be reviewed and approved by the Graduate Director and the Graduate and Extended Studies Committee.