To: CAS Curriculum Committee, Jim Fletcher
From: Cindy Lont, Chair Communication Department
RE: Curriculum changes – Graduate Admissions
Date: February 11, 2003

The Communication Department was involved in an outside review in September 2001. One of the reviewers’ suggestions was to focus our recently acquired MA in Communication. The Communication Department Graduate Advisory Group (Decker, Gibson, Rowan and Sparks) and the Chair (Lont) reviewed the courses, the direction, our resources and sharpened the focus of the program. This resulted in a change in the core course.

Two of the original core courses, (COMM 504 and COMM 605) were moved from core courses to elective courses and two other courses (COMM 590 – Seminar in Communication Research: Opportunities for Application) and COMM 798 (Communication Studies Project) was added so all students in the program (whether they were project or thesis track) would take them.

Students still take 15 credits of core courses and those courses which were core courses are moved into the electives area.

The full Communication Department faculty approved these changes in August 2002.

Present Required Core Courses:
COMM 504 (Communication and Interpersonal Conflict)
COMM 605 (Intercultural Communication)
COMM 634 (Theories of Interpersonal Communication)
COMM 635 (Organizational Communication)
COMM 650 (Research Methods in Communication)

Proposed Required Core Courses:
COMM 590 (Seminar in Communication Research: Opportunities for Application)
COMM 634 (Theories of Interpersonal Communication)
COMM 635 (Organizational Communication)
COMM 650 (Research Methods in Communication)
COMM 798 (Communication Studies Project).

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