**Motion: Graduate Council affirms a proposed change in current University of Florida and Graduate School policy requiring the submission of official Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), or other comparable standardized test scores as part of the application for admission to any graduate degree program at the University of Florida. Specifically, graduate degree-granting academic units, with the concurrence of the College(s) in which they reside, will determine and promulgate their admission requirements regarding GRE, GMAT or other standardized test scores, for Master's degree programs, effective with the application and admission processes for students who will begin Master's degree programs on or after July 1, 2020,**

The Graduate School will develop and coordinate processes in which this policy is implemented and subsequently managed, with the following considerations in mind. Throughout the remainder of this document "GRE scores" should be taken to mean GRE, GMAT or other comparable standardized test scores.

1. Academic units and the Graduate School will collaborate in defining and listing each Master's degree program for which the decision will be required.
2. The decision to require (or not to require) GRE scores for each Master's degree program will be formally stated by the academic unit responsible for delivery of the degree program, affirmed by the College(s) in which the academic unit resides, and reported to The Graduate School, where the information will be added to the program file.
3. The decision of the academic unit must include an indication (by formal vote, if necessary) that it reflects the views of the graduate faculty appointed in the unit and active in the delivery of the Master's degree program in question.
4. Where a single academic unit offers multiple Master's degree programs, the various programs must be clearly identified and differentiated, and the policy on GRE scores must be clearly stated for **each** of the Master's degree programs. For example, the Warrington College of Business Administration offers several different paths to the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree. Similarly, the College of Medicine offers numerous Master of Science programs. Formalized decisions regarding GMAT/GRE score requirements must be established for each Master's degree program.
5. Academic units will be strongly cautioned that if they advertise or otherwise describe two or more programs as being exactly equivalent (e.g. as alternative delivery modes for a single, equivalent degree program), a single GRE policy must be established and applied to all programs advertised or described as "equivalent" in this context.
6. The GRE policy must be clearly stated in brochures, web sites or other materials describing the Master's degree program and its admission procedures. The policy will be stated in the appropriate sections of the Graduate Catalogue.
7. The policy must apply uniformly to all applicants for admission to the particular Master's degree program, and may not be changed within any specified application/admission cycle.
8. Master's degree programs that choose not to require GRE scores must clearly inform their applicants that other Master's degree programs at UF may require GRE scores, and that such scores are required for all of the University's Ph.D. programs. Students admitted to a program that does not require GRE scores will not be permitted to transfer to a program that requires

such scores, except by means of an application/admission process that provides for the submission of scores, as required for all other applicants to the destination program.

9. Applicants who choose voluntarily to submit GRE scores even if they are not required for admission to a particular Master's degree program may neither be penalized nor advantaged in the admission process for that program on the basis of the GRE scores.
10. The Graduate School will continue to expect that programs requiring the submission of GRE scores will use those scores as part of a holistic assessment of applicants, will avoid the use of minimum scores, rigid cut points, or other devices that may give undue weight to this single element in their admission decisions.