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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 21, 2019

TO: Dr. Andrew Klein
Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Anne Reber
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

Attached please find proposed revision to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee. This change is for the following rule:

Changes to **Rule 6 Non-Degree Seeking Students**

Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on June 7, 2019.

Approved by Faculty Senate on August 12, 2019.

Approved by President on September 6, 2019

PROPOSAL

6.4 Non-degree seeking students are typically not eligible for federal financial aid, with the exception of graduate certificates offered through the Bush School of Government and Public Service. However, a student enrolled in preparatory coursework necessary to enroll in a degree-seeking program (either at the undergraduate or graduate level) may request aid for a 12 month period or until fully admitted to the degree program.

JUSTIFICATION

The following Bush School graduate certificate program are financial aid eligible: Certificate in Nonprofit Management, Certificate in Public Management, Certificate in Advanced International Affairs, Certificate in Homeland Security.

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(Additions to rules are bolded and in red font, deletions to rules are indicated by strikethrough.)

6. Non-Degree Seeking Students

(Revised: 2009~~2019~~)

6.1 A non-degree seeking undergraduate is a student who, for good reason, has been allowed to pursue a course of study differing from any regular curriculum and not leading to a degree. He or she must meet the prerequisites for enrollment in the individual courses. The program of the undergraduate student is subject to approval of his or her Dean or designee.

6.2 A student in post-baccalaureate non-degree status seeking admission to a graduate degree program must complete a "Graduate Application for Admission and Financial Assistance" or "Application for Admission for International Students," submit the required application fee, submit all required credentials and meet immigration and admission requirements for the program.

6.3 Graduate courses completed before a student is officially admitted to graduate status cannot normally be used toward a degree program. Permission to use hours completed in non-degree status must be requested by a student's department and approved by the student's college and the Office of Graduate Studies. Such a request should be made at the time an applicant is accepted into a graduate degree program.

6.4 Non-degree seeking students are typically not eligible for federal financial aid, with the exception of some certificates. However, a student enrolled in preparatory coursework necessary to enroll in a degree seeking program (either at the undergraduate or graduate level) may request aid for a 12 month period or until fully admitted to the degree program.

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Dr. Klein:

For the past year, Dr. Harlin requested some additional explanation of the changes (beyond that provided by each submitter of the rule change proposal) that were recommended by the Rules & Regulations Committee at their meetings. I will continue this practice as it seemed to be beneficial to the Executive Committee as they reviewed the rule change recommendations. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anne Reber'.

Anne Reber, PhD
Chair, Rules & Regulations Committee

Rule 6 Non-Degree Seeking Students

Committee members explained that there are other certificate programs across the University aside from those in the Bush School. Therefore, the Committee inserted a more generic phrase (“with the exception of some certificates”) to cover all the applicable programs.

Rule 13 Classification

I hope that this rule change proposal is self-explanatory. The Committee, which had the Registrar and several faculty/advisor representatives present, had no further discussion and accepted as is.