UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD
CAMPUS SENATE AY 2010/2011
RESOLUTION 41-9

Undergraduate or Graduate Degree from an Accredited Institution is a Minimum Requirement for Admissions to Graduate Programs at UIS

WHEREAS, UIS policy currently requires successful applicants for graduate admission to have graduated with a bachelor’s degree from regionally accredited institutions; and

WHEREAS, students with bachelor’s degrees from non-regionally accredited institutions may earn graduate credit hours or graduate degrees from regionally accredited institutions; and

WHEREAS, students who have earned credit hours and/or graduate degrees at regionally accredited institutions are increasingly seeking admission to other graduate degree programs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, admissions policies at the campus level serve as the minimum screening criteria, although graduate programs may have admissions policies more stringent;

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the University of Illinois at Springfield Campus Senate approves that an Undergraduate or Graduate Degree from an Accredited Institution is a Minimum Requirement for Admissions to Graduate Programs at UIS.

New catalog copy (in red):

Students who have earned a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree from a regionally accredited college or university are eligible to apply for admission to graduate study at UIS. In order to be considered for full admission to graduate studies at UIS, an applicant must have earned at least one of the following:

- a baccalaureate degree with a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and/or

- a graduate degree with a cumulative graduate grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Applicants must also have met all entrance requirements specific to the chosen UIS program; some programs require higher cumulative grade point averages and/or specific prerequisites. Refer to the individual programs for information on specific requirements. (A link to an overview of
application requirements for all graduate degree programs can be found at uis.edu/graduate
education/degrees/index.html).

Applicants holding a baccalaureate degree from a non-accredited institution, but who have
successfully completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graduate study with B or better grades
(grades of B- or lower are not allowed) at an accredited institution may, at the discretion of an
academic department, be considered for conditional admission to graduate study at UIS. At the
discretion of the academic department, conditional admission may also be granted to students
with lower cumulative GPAs. At the time conditional admission is granted, the academic
department will specify the criteria that must be met subsequently for full admission.
Conditionally admitted students must complete a certain number of semester hours at UIS
(exclusive of prerequisites) with a grade point average of no less than 3.00. The program will
specify which courses must be completed on the Notice of Graduate Admission form.

Rationale:
Graduate Council reviewed the issue of applications from students who graduate from
non-regionally accredited institutions with a bachelor’s degree, who then go on for
graduate study and/or degrees from regionally accredited institutions. Graduate Council
has worked collaboratively with the Office of Admissions and the Associate Vice
Chancellor of Graduate Education and Research to develop catalog copy for transcript
review.

Nothing in this policy addition should be construed as altering the role of graduate
program decision-making in graduate admissions at UIS. Graduate programs retain
responsibility for setting their degree and certificate program admission requirements
and for making program admission decisions, and it is expected that faculty making
graduate admission decisions will review required application materials, including the
certified Diploma Supplement, to ensure that program-specific admission requirements
are met.