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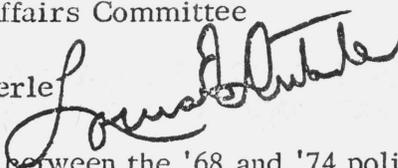
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September 23, 1974

TO: Dr. Patricia Chesebro,
Academic Affairs Committee

FROM: Louise Dieterle 

RE: Differences between the '68 and '74 policies re Proficiency Examinations

The following is a brief summary of the substantive differences between the 1968 and 1974 Proficiency Examination policy statements. It is proposed that:

(1) The departments shall not impose any qualifications or recommendation/approval procedures on applicants beyond those required by the University for admission or as course prerequisites.

(2) Standards of proficiency are to be determined by the departments, but should not require performance levels in excess of those required for a final course grade of C.

(3) Each department shall have proficiency examinations for all 100 level courses. (Note: This statement is intended to produce a uniform practice across campus. Despite the 1969 request by the Council of Deans, some departments and one college still do not have any proficiency examinations available. This statement is intended to "enforce" University-wide participation through the power of Senate action.)

(4) The number of attempts for any proficiency examination is limited to one.

(5) The absence of a statement re charges implies the possibility of an assessment, but does not require such action.

(6) Responsibility for supervision and administration of the procedures will rest in the office of the Dean of Undergraduate Instruction--not with the Deans of the appropriate colleges.

It should be noted that the differences between policy statements summarized above do not include differences with the 5-16-69 statement of the Council of Deans. This statement referenced in the parenthetical note under point 4 was a set of administrative elaborations of the 1968 policy. It may be assumed that a similar elaboration consistent with the policy will be required again.