Dr. Smith,

Upon the recommendation of the College of Nursing Undergraduate Studies Committee, the faculty have approved the following changes:

1. Increase of the minimum required grade point average for admission to the College of Nursing’s BSN (generic) program from 3.0 to 3.2 effective for Autumn 2012 enrollment (impacts the Oct 1, 2011-Feb. 1, 2012 application period); and,

2. Increase of the minimum required grade point average for transfer to Pre-Nursing from 3.0 to 3.2 starting Winter 2012.

The College of Nursing is seeking your approval to implement these changes.

The purpose of the proposed changes is to:

1. Establish the competitiveness of entry to the major by increasing the minimum required GPA.
2. Redirect freshman and other applicants with non-competitive GPAs to more appropriate options.
3. Reduce the number of non-competitive pre-nursing students.
4. Allow our academic advisors to provide more services to students in our major and competitive pre-nursing students.

In 2006, the minimum required GPA for admission to Nursing and to transfer into Pre-Nursing was increased from 2.75 to 3.0. At that time, the average overall GPA of applicants who were offered admission to the major was 3.59. The change was made because the minimum GPA requirement did not accurately reflect the competitiveness of the program. We are now in a similar position.

In Autumn 2010, we admitted two students with a GPA between 3.0 and 3.2. One student failed in the first quarter of enrollment. The other student is struggling just above a 2.0 GPA. In Autumn 2011, the Undergraduate Admissions Committee has not admitted any applicant with an overall GPA below 3.2. The average overall GPA for admitted students in 2011 has increased to 3.7.

While the number of students that we can admit to the major remains steady at 166. The ratio of admitted students to applicants is still at a about 1:3. In fact, the ratio of pre-nursing students who are admitted to the major is also about 1:3. We would like to reduce this ratio by increasing the competitiveness of students in Pre-Nursing.

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I would be pleased to discuss this request with you should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

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