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Department Name College of Communication

1. CHECK PROPOSED CHANGES.

- * Change department/program name from _____ to _____
- * New degree or program in _____
- * Change name of degree from _____ to _____
- * Drop degree or program in _____
- * Extend existing degree or program to _____ campus
- New Major in _____
- Change name of Major from _____ to _____
- Revise Major requirements in Ph.D. in Communication Graded credits from 45 to 42
- Drop Major in _____
- Revise certification requirements for the Major in _____
- New Option in _____
- Revise requirements for the Option in _____
- Drop Option in _____
- New Minor in _____
- Revise Minor requirements in _____
- Drop Minor in _____
- New Undergraduate Certificate in _____
- Revise Undergraduate Certificate requirements in _____
- Drop Undergraduate Certificate in _____
- Other _____

Effective term/year Fall 2010

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2. GIVE REASONS FOR EACH REQUEST MARKED ABOVE. (Attach additional paper if necessary; see reverse side.)

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Director of Graduate Studies

The faculty of the Murrow College voted to change the required number of graded credits for the Ph.D. in Communication from 45 to 42. This will allow students to take 3 credits of independent study.

Dear Mike:

Sandi Brabb in our student services office forwarded me your email.

We just wanted to add the option for a student to take an independent study with one of our faculty if the student has a particular study interest not covered by our coursework. For example, this semester we have one student working on environmental communication with his advisor....the individual study allows him to go in depth into an area we don't cover enough in our coursework.

We have specific policies for the independent study credits, including that they can't be used for dissertation work, the work can't be used to further a faculty member's own research, and that the proposal must be approved by our graduate program committee.

The reduction in graded credits doesn't change our overall requirements; it just allows students to use 3 credits of independent study toward their major or supporting area of study.

Please let me know if you need anything else (by the way, I served on GSC for six years....it's an important job)

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