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Graduate Council Agenda

September 25, 2014

3:30 pm in Lang 115

1. Approval of the minutes from September 11th
2. Graduate College Reports
 - a. April Chatham-Carpenter, Interim Dean
 - b. Shoshanna Coon, Associate Dean
 - c. Susie Schwieger, Director of Graduate Student Life
3. Chair of the Graduate Faculty Report – Melissa Beall
4. Old Business
 - a. Discussion of and vote on TOEFL/IELTS minimum score requirement for provisional/conditional admission of graduate students (discussion tabled on 9/11/14)
 - i. Should there be a minimum score required for conditional/provisional admission to graduate programs? Should it be the same as the score required for unconditional admission (550/79/6.5) or lower (375/25/2.5), as it was in practice for a few years? Please see attached information regarding TOEFL scores
5. Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting: October 9th at 3:30 in Lang 115

When trying to interpret TOEFL scores, you might find this information to be useful. Note that the paper based test (PBT) is being phased out and is not available in every country, so the information below is for the internet based test (iBT).

TOEFL iBT® Test Scores

[View score descriptors](#)

Skill	Score Range	Level*
Reading	0–30	Low (0–14) Intermediate (15–21) High (22–30)
Listening	0–30	Low (0–14) Intermediate (15–21) High (22–30)
Speaking	0–4 points converted to 0–30 score scale	Weak (0–9) Limited (10–17) Fair (18–25) Good (26–30)
Writing	0–5 points converted to 0–30 score scale	Limited (1–16) Fair (17–23) Good (24–30)
Total Score	0–120	

Source: <http://www.ets.org/toefl/institutions/scores/interpret>



Source: <http://www.ets.org/toefl/institutions/scores/compare/>

Cost: \$170 for the PBT, \$165-255* for the iBT

(*The cost to take the iBT varies by country. The range indicated here is based on 12 countries, including Bangladesh, Bosnia, Brazil, El Salvador, France, Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Nigeria, Russia, and Saudi Arabia.)

Source: <http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/about/fees/>