MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 9, 2011

TO: Dr. Michael Benedik
   Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. David W. Parrott
       Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

 Attached please find proposed revisions to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee. These changes are for the following section:

 Change in Rules
  14.1
  50.2
EXISTING RULE:

14. Degree Requirements

14.1 Formal application for degrees must be completed at https://degreecpp.tamu.edu and submitted to the Office of the Registrar no later than the Friday of the second week of the fall or spring semester or the Friday of the first week of the summer term in which the student expects to complete his or her requirements for graduation. Under unusual circumstances, an application for a degree may be accepted after the stated deadline, but no application will be accepted after grade sheets on graduating students have been produced for the faculty.

RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:

14. Degree Requirements

14.1 Formal application for degrees must be completed at https://degreecpp.tamu.edu and submitted to the Office of the Registrar and submitted online at https://howdy.tamu.edu no later than the Friday of the second fifth week of the fall or spring semester or the Friday of the first week of the summer term in which the student expects to complete his or her requirements for graduation. Students who wish to graduate in August must submit formal application for degrees before the Friday of the first week of the second summer term. Under unusual circumstances, an application for a degree may be accepted after the stated deadline, but no application will be accepted after grade sheets on graduating students have been produced for the faculty the last class day of the fall or spring semester.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

These changes are intended to fulfill multiple purposes. First, we wish to correct the URL where degree applications are submitted. This information changed with the TAMU implementation of Banner. Another purpose is to create a single summer deadline for degree applications, irrespective of for which part of the summer semester a student may be registered. In recent years the first deadline for students registered only in the first summer session could not be enforced, as students could easily add a second session course (which would later be dropped) in order to extend his/her deadline. Finally, since grade sheets are no longer produced, a change was proposed to more accurately state a date after which degree applications made under special circumstances will no longer be accepted. Additional change submitted to extend deadline to fifth week of fall or spring to accommodate OGS calendar.

COMMENTS:

- Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on October 20, 2011.

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EXISTING RULE:

50 Academic Suspension and Blocks

50.2 A graduate student who has been blocked from continued enrollment in his or her college or suspended or dismissed from the university for reasons of scholastic deficiency, scholastic dishonesty or other causes specified in the rules of Texas A&M University, may file an appeal with the Graduate Appeals Panel. Upon being blocked, suspended or dismissed, the student shall be informed by the Office of Graduate Studies of the procedures for filing this appeal.

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JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

Need to remove "scholastic dishonesty" as this is covered under Rule 52: Academic Misconduct.

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