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SUBJECT: Changing GRE Language in English MA/MAT Admissions

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FROM: Mark Scroggins, Director of Graduate Studies  
TO: Nancy Poulson, Chair, Schmidt College Graduate Programs Committee  
RE: Changing GRE Language in English MA/MAT admissions

ETS has announced, most recently at the information workshop on 19 October, that beginning 1 August 2011 the GRE general exam (verbal and quantitative reasoning portions) will no longer be scored on a 200 - 800 point scale, but on a 130 - 170 point scale. Currently, the website language for applicants to the English Department's MA and MAT programs reads as follows:

**Minimum Admission Requirements:**

- At least a 3.0 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale)
- Application Form
- Official Transcripts
- Copy of General GRE Scores (1,000 combined on the verbal and quantitative)

Obviously, the change in GRE scoring renders these scores (1,000 combined) meaningless. The Department graduate committee, and the Department as a whole, has unanimously voted to remove the specific score threshold from our admissions requirements, and ask that the GPC approve this removal. As the 1,000 point threshold bears no relation to the new GRE scores that will be reported in November (and furthermore, as ETS itself does not condone using combined scores as an admissions criterion), this strikes us as a straightforward - indeed inevitable - change.