October 28, 2007

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We at Troy University wish you all the best in your future educational endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ed Roach
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

cc: Associate Provost and Dean, Graduate School
    University Registrar
    Chair, International Relations
September 17, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Graduate Council

FROM: Dr. Dianne L. Barron
Associate Provost and Dean, Graduate School

SUBJECT: Right of Due Process Appeal

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cc: Associate Provost and Dean, Graduate School
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GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
September 20, 2007

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GUESTS: Kim Jones, Dr. Don Jeffrey, Dr. Glenn Cohen, Dr. Tom Dunn, Dr. Judy McCarley, Dr. Ed Merkel, Dr. Barbara Echord

I. Call to Order
Dr. Fretwell called the meeting to order and asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Agenda
The following agenda items were postponed to the next Graduate Council meeting as the Dean of the Graduate School and ex officio was not present: Election of Council chair for AY2007-2008 and Demonstration of electronic End of Course assessment system. Motion by Dr. Allen to accept the modified agenda; second by Dr. Green. The motion was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2007 (including web version)
Dr. Allard moved to approve both the traditional version and the web version of the minutes with the following correction: On page 2, under the College of Communication and Fine Arts, line 3, the College of Music should be School of Music. Dr. Green seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School
Dr. Fretwell advised that the Dean of the Graduate School was in Montgomery on University business. Dr. Fretwell asked for volunteers to serve on a task force to define hybrid courses. Robert Saunders had expressed his willingness to work on the task force to both Dr. Barron and Dr. Fretwell. Kenyon Knapp advised through his representative, John Harrell, that he would also like to volunteer. Therefore, Dr. Saunders and Dr. Knapp will serve.

V. Business Items

NOTE: Policy changes, curriculum changes, etc. approved by the council are effective the following academic year unless otherwise indicated.
College of Arts and Sciences

1. Wording Change in Course Description  
   Dr. Glenn Cohen explained that the words or biological were omitted in the  
   course description when the name of a graduate program was changed from  
   "Environmental Analysis and Management" to "Environmental and Biological  
   Sciences." Motion to accept wording change made by Dr. Manners. Dr. Browning  
   seconded. Motion approved.

2. Request for extension of the 8 year rule  
   Dr. Rinehart presented the details of the petition. A short discussion followed. Dr. Rinehart  
   motioned to approve the extension until the end of Term 2, 2007. Dr. Heisler seconded.  
   Motion approved.

3. Request for extension of the 8 year rule  
   Dr. Orhun presented the details of the petition. All coursework is completed except for  
   thesis. Dr. Rinehart motioned to approve a final extension until the end of spring semester  

4. Right of Due Process Appeal  
   Dr. Rinehart presented the details of this appeal. After discussion, Dr. Rinehart motioned to  
   approve Dr. Barron's denial. Dr. Green seconded. Motion passed.

College of Business

1. Addition of Independent Study Courses in Business Disciplines  
   ACT 6625/6626 (1-3) Specialized Study in the Area of Accounting  
   ECD 6625/6626 (1-3) Specialized Study in the Area of Economic Development  
   FIN 6625/6626 (1-3) Specialized Study in the Area of Finance  
   HSA 6625/6626 (1-3) Specialized Study in the Area of Healthcare Management  
   IIM 6625/6626 (1-3) Specialized Study in the Area of International Hospitality Management  
   IS 6625/6626 (1-3) Specialized Study in the Area of Information Systems  
   Dr. Merkel presented an overview of the Independent Study Course addition to standardize the  
   course offerings within the College of Business. Dr. Green motioned to accept the addition of  
   Independent Study Courses in Business disciplines as outlined. Dr. Li seconded. Motion  
   approved.

College of Education

1. Request for extension of the 8 year rule  
   Dr. Fretwell presented the circumstances regarding this second petition for extension of  
   8 yr Waiver. Dr. Manners motioned to approve to the end of Fall 2007 semester.  
   Seconded by Dr. Browning. Motion approved.

2. Request for extension of the 8 year rule  
   Dr. Fretwell presented the petition. After a few questions, Dr. Browning motioned to  
   approve extension thru December 2007. Seconded by Dr. Allen. Motion approved.
Information Items

1. July 10, 2007 letter to notify SACS of UC plans to offer MSM with Health Care concentration to a cohort group at Naval Hospital Bremerton, WA site.
2. August 2, 2007 letter to notify SACS of UC plans to offer MSIR and MSM at San Antonio, TX site.
3. August 2, 2007 letter to notify SACS of UC plan to offer MSCJ at Charleston, SC site starting October 2007.
4. June 27, 2007 letter to notify SACS of UC plans to offer MSCJ at Covington, GA site starting August 2007.
5. Results of July 2007 electronic vote: 17 voting members: 11 approved 0 dissenting Proposal to offer the MS Counseling & Psychology in Marianna, FL Proposal to offer MSIR in Tampa/MacDill, FL

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2007.
September 17, 2007

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TROY University-Graduate

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Official copy must bear signature of the Registrar.
Dr. Dianne Barron

From: Dr. Dianne Barron [dlbarron@troy.edu]
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2007 11:02 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Request for a Grade Change

Dear [Redacted],

I am happy to respond to your email of August 15 that I apparently did not receive. Thank you for resending.

Sincerely,

Dianne L. Barron, Ed.D
Associate Provost and Dean, Graduate School Troy University
(334) 670-3189
dlbarron@troy.edu

-----Original Message-----
From:
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2007 2:42 AM
To: Dr. Dianne Barron
Subject: Re: Request for a Grade Change
Importance: High

Dr. Barron - per our phone conversation on 21 August 07, I am re-sending the single email I referred to in our discussions, and you had stated that you did NOT see it. I did send this same email to your office manager on 20 August as I had not received any sort of reply or acknowledgment of this note.

As I mentioned to you on 21 August, my request is NOT based upon convenience, rather situational necessity. I am not convinced that you or your staff have accepted that fact. Again, I stand by my request and my beliefs that this action is well within your authority.

I would greatly appreciate a formal reply outlining your decisions on my requests.

Most respectfully,

----- Original Message -----
From:
Date: Wednesday, August 15, 2007 3:47 pm
Subject: Request for a Grade Change
To: "Dr. Dianne Barron"

> Dear Dr. Barron - I hope to reach you by telephone over the next few days. In the interim, although it pains me to do so, I must appeal to your human side.
> I ask you to understand that I am fighting for my very survival on many fronts at the moment, have been for a few years. Hence, I cannot accept the decision and recommendations stated below.
> 1. Personally: My wife has been suffering for years from emotional distress, and in 2004 was been determined to have a form of mental illness. I am fighting daily to keep her afloat, my four children on
the right path, and my family together. This part of my situation
overshadows all else in my life.

2. Professionally: I have a very demanding position with the US
Government in Germany. I do the best I can with my employer to be able
to satisfy those requirements and still focus my attention and energy
on my wife's & family's needs.

3. Academically: I cannot afford the time nor the money to pay for one
more class to finish my academic program. In Academic Year 2001, I
registered and paid for two classes (POL 5552 and 6610) with your
institution. For reasons stated in other e-mails, I could not complete
these classes successfully and eventually accepted the failing grades.
In middle of Academic Year 2004, I again registered and paid for POL
5552 and 6610. My wife's father subsequently got sick and died later
that summer, starting a chain of events that put us in the situation I
described above. When I bowed out of Drs. Hazen & Rinehart's classes
with In-completes, I knew I was under pressure to finish these
classes. However, personal and professional events continually
prohibited me from being able to invest the resources to finish either
class.

When I first contacted you, Dr. Rinehart, Dr. Hazen and Dr. Echord
back in May 2007, I had more time and a better personal situation in
which to progress. Drs. Hazen & Echord opened the door for me to turn
in the rest of my course work and complete, at least, POL 6610. I
expended the necessary effort and time required to complete Dr.
Hazen's class successfully in June 2007. It is now mid-August 2007 and
only now have I received a formal decision from Troy University
regarding the one remaining action required to graduate from Central
Michigan University later this month.

Proposed Way Ahead: I am convinced that there truly is a way to solve
this situation for our mutual benefit. Please award a grade change for
the POL 6610 (Int'l Organizations) class that I just completed with
Drs. Hazen. This class was originally from the 2004 AV, hence it is
less than four years old.

Most respectfully,

----- Original Message -----
From: "Dr. Dianne Barron"
Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 8:16 pm
Subject: RE: Request to retake two courses as a Special Admission

StudentTo:
Cc: Jim Rinehart , 'Barbara Echord'

>> Sorry I missed your call today. However, let me reiterate that
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>> courses you were previously enrolled in expired four years ago
>> and
>> all grades have turned to F's. Dr. Hazen cannot award a grade
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>> re-apply and re-
>> register for any courses that you still need in order to complete
>> your degree with CMU. If your request was within a couple of
>> months of the course
>> expiration date, your request could be considered. Unfortunately,
>> there is no other answer for incomplete courses that are over 4
>> year old.
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Dr. Dianne Barron

From: Dr. Dianne Barron [dlbarron@troy.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 1:16 PM
To: Jim Rinehart (rinehart@troy.edu); "Barbara Echord"
Cc: RE: Request to retake two courses as a Special Admission Student

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-----Original Message-----
From: Sent: Monday, August 13, 2007 3:12 PM
To: Dr. Dianne Barron
Cc: Jim Rinehart; "Barbara Echord"
Subject: Re: Request to retake two courses as a Special Admission Student

Dear Dr. Barron,

First, allow me to thank you and your staff for considering my case and replying.

However, after having read your response below, I am convinced I owe you more clarification on the current circumstances of my situation. It seems that you had dated information at your disposal with which to render a decision. Specifically, I am ONLY seeking a one-time exception now to execute a grade change in Dr. Hazen's POL 6610 (Int'l Organizations) from AY'04. I have recently completed all course work necessary to complete this academic adventure. Allow me to explain.

(1) Since I originally petitioned you in mid-May '07 to allow me to continue work on the two older courses in my previous academic plan (POL 6610 and 5552), I have been awarded more usable prior learning credits from Central Michigan Univ than my academic advisors envisioned.

(2) I have completed all other CMU course work and administrative requirements for graduation, planned for August 31, 2007, with the exception of the Troy U class I need to transfer.

(3) I have completed all course work for POL 6610 with Dr. Hazen; he held me to the TSU standard and had me fulfill all requirements properly. He is prepared to conduct a grade change from "I" (which automatically became an "F" some time back) to an "A". If this can be approved, I will be able to transfer these 3 credits to CMU and finish my program...and graciously and gratefully excuse myself from your list of "challenges". (Please note that I was previously enrolled in these two TSU classes in the 2001 AY but took In-completes as the Army moved us back to Germany on short notice, and then the 11 Sep 01 events put all plans on indefinite hold. In 2004, I re-enrolled but never was able to complete these
classes the either due a combination of professional and personal challenges.)

(4) I have attached a copy of my CMU academic plan for your review. My academic advisor is:

Mr. Steven Rellinger, Graduate Advisor
Central Michigan University, 802 Industrial Avenue Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858;
steve.rellinger@cmich.edu Toll Free (866) 774-1018 Option 2; FAX (989) 774-1998

At this point, I must appeal to your humane side. I have been faced with tremendous personal and professional challenges since I began this academic endeavor in 1999. I ask you to please approve this one-time exception to change the POL 6610 grade as earned and awarded by Dr. Hazen. That will allow me to transfer that class and those 3 credits to CMU and complete my Masters program.

Thank you again for your consideration and assistance. I stand ready to answer any and all questions.

Most respectfully,

----- Original Message ----- 
From: "Dr. Dianne Barron"
Date: Friday, August 10, 2007 9:33 pm
Subject: Request to retake two courses as a Special Admission Student
To: Jim Rinehart , Barbara Echord

> In response to your request, let me offer the following. You will need
> to apply for Special Admission as a student interested in earning
> graduate credit, but who is not an applicant for a graduate degree at
> Troy University. Once admitted as a "Special Admission" student, you
> may then register for the two final courses that you need to complete
> your CMU degree. The problem is that the two courses that you have
> requested to take (POL 6610: International Organizations and POL 5552:
> International Law) no longer exist in the Troy University Course
> Inventory. By way of this email I am forwarding a copy of this
> correspondence to Dr. Rinehart to provide a recommendation of
> comparable courses from the current course inventory or to consider
> allowing you to take these courses as a directed studies. Upon receipt
> of Dr. Rinehart's recommendation, you may register for the courses he approves.
> Sincerely,

> Dianne L. Barron, Ed.D
> Associate Provost and Dean, Graduate School Troy University
> (334) 670-3189
dlbarron@troy.edu

>
Central Michigan University  
Program Plan Summary  
(Approved)

BULLETIN YEAR: 0607  
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Bold courses are courses that still need to be completed.  √ indicates a course that has been marked completed.
NOTE: MSA 600, 640 & 685 require statistics competency pre-requisite. MSA 634/635 requires accounting competency pre-requisite.
This is your approved program plan. Please discard all previous copies of your program plan.
Monday, August 20, 2007 3:33 PM

Dianne Barron

FW: Request for a Grade Change

Request for a Grade Change (3.12 KB)

FYI

Administrative Secretary
Office of the Associate Provost and Dean, Graduate School Troy University
219 Adams Administration
Troy, AL 36081
334-670-3189

-----Original Message-----
From:  
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 12:09 PM
To:  
Subject: Fwd: Request for a Grade Change

- per our phone call earlier today, I am sending you my recent reply to Dr. Barron's emails from last week, and the note I received from Dr. Rinehart.

As I have been unable to actually speak to Dr. Barron, I am forwarding this string to you (attached). As I stated in today's call: (1) I must stand fast on requesting a grade change for POL 6610 ad I cannot afford the financial or time requirements to take yet another class to finish my program; (2) Dr. Rinehart's email (below) essentially tells me that POL 6610 is still a class in the Troy Univ. inventory, albeit it's now been renumbered as IR 6610.

I would appreciate you speaking to Dr. Barron on my behalf on this matter.

Many thanks in advance.

Best regards,

-----Dr. Rinehart's email:------
Subject: RE: Request to retake two courses as a Special Admission Student
From: rinehart
Date: Friday, August 10, 2007 10:31 pm
To:  
Cc: 'Barbara Echord', dlbarron@troy.edu

POL 6610 - International Organizations is now IR 6610 (same course, just a different prefix-International Relations). POL 5552 - International Law is now IR 5552 - International Law; again, the same course. If the IR prefixes work for your needs, you may take those two courses.

JFR
From: Dr. Dianne Barron [mailto:dlbarron@troy.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2007 2:33 PM
To: Jim Minenart; Barbara Echord
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dlbarron@troy.edu
Dr. Dianne Barron

From: Dr. Dianne Barron [dbarron@troy.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2007 2:33 PM
To:
Cc: Jim Rinehart (rinehart@troy.edu); Barbara Echord
Subject: Request to retake two courses as a Special Admission Student

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From: Barbara Echord [bechord@troy.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2007 8:44 AM
To: 'Dr. Dianne Barron'
Subject: Request for On-time Exception to Policy

FW: has reviewed request and submitted the following recommendation:

Dr. Barbara Echord
Director of Academics
Troy University - eCampus

-----Original Message-----
From: 
Sent: wednesday, July 25, 2007 2:16 AM
To: 'Barbara Echord'
Subject: Request for On-time Exception to Policy (Tom Queisser response)

Dear Dr. Echord,

Thanks for the note which I received yesterday. At the onset I should say that you are free to make the decision, both in your headquarters function (with a current understanding for internal regulations and their implementation, as well as SACS or other external issues) and since this 2004 situation predated my serving as Site Director. Therefore, I have no personal knowledge of and his circumstances. I also consulted confidentially with our GAB Coordinator who is very familiar with the European military environment.

Having read statement and resume, my conclusion is: I recommend that you and Dr. Barron make this decision mainly on the basis of personal and family circumstances noted in para. 7-8 of exception request. I can appreciate that severe family issues can have de-motivating consequences when family and work must occupy higher priorities than study.

Seen from the vantage point of work pressures, though, while I understand that a higher-ranking GS employee working in the rapidly-changing European military environment has job pressures, I feel that these pressures in Europe are not uniquely severe. We all have many working adult students in all TROY sites students in equivalent work situations. Therefore, on the job pressure issue, I recommend that you treat this case in the same manner you would any other "incomplete/failure" scenario that you encounter stateside. I generally would expect that a top manager would handle a problem, large or small, more proactively or at least within a year of its occurrence, knowing that ignoring the problem does not improve his chances of resolution.

In summary, as a former Academic Dean in Europe for another SACS school, my judgment is that if you decide to extend the opportunity to complete the two courses (if this is indeed possible with the faculty members), it would be on the grounds of compassion based on personal/family medical circumstances, combined with goodwill. Yes, on the military/job issue times are hard and the European "Ops Pace" is grueling, but job-related argument in not compelling, especially since apparently continued degree in the intervening years.

I appreciate your giving me the opportunity to respond!

Greetings from Heidelberg! (full contacts below)

-----Original Message-----
From: Barbara Echord [mailto:bechord@troy.edu]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2007 12:49 PM
To: 
Subject: FW: Request for On-time Exception to Policy
Importance: High

Dr. Barron has requested that you take a look at this student's request.

Dr. Barbara Echord
Director of Academics
Troy University - eCampus

-----Original Message-----
From: 
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2007 7:49 AM
To: dlbarron@troy.edu
Subject: Request for On-time Exception to Policy
Importance: High

Dr. Barron - please find attached an urgent request for a one-time exception to school policy to allow me to finish two distance learning classes beyond the one year time limitation. This request is critical to completing a Central Mich Univ Master Program. I believe my reasons, justifications and explanation of extenuating circumstances are compelling, and sincerely hope you find time to consider this matter.

Thank you for your time.

Most respectfully,

TSU Transient Student
Mainz, Germany
Dr. Dianne Barron

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2007 7:49 AM
To: dbarron@troy.edu
Subject: Request for On-time Exception to Policy

Importance: High
Attachments: TSU Admin Extension Request.doc, 2006 ANSWER Resume.doc

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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Quintinsstrasse 4, 55116 Mainz, Germany

16 May 2007

Dean of Graduate Studies
Troy State University
1101 South Brundidge
Troy, Alabama 36082

SUBJECT: Request for One-time Exception to Policy in Order to Complete a Masters Degree Program,

Dear Dr. Barron,

I respectfully request a one-time exception to school academic policy to allow me to complete the course work for two Troy State University on-line classes from 2004. Due to professional and personal situations, I was unable to complete the course requirements within one year after the class had passed. I am a Transient Student, nearly having fulfilled the requirements for completion of my academic goal of a Masters of Science in International Administration (MSIA) with Central Michigan University. These two classes are vital to my academic program, and not replaceable by any other means, or within the time constraints facing me.

The two classes that were previously approved for transfer into CMU as part of my program plan are International Law (TSU POL 5552) and International Organizations (TSU POL 6610). Throughout this ordeal, I have remained in occasional contact with the both professors, Drs. Rinehart and Hazen. I believe that one or both would still be willing to work with me, if you approve this petition. Without your support and approval of this one-time request, it is very unlikely that I will be unable to ever achieve this lofty academic goal.

I believe that the extenuating circumstances surrounding my personal situation are compelling. Allow me to elaborate somewhat to assist you in your consideration of my request.

When I started this academic journey in 1999, I then fully believed that I could complete the requirements for a graduate degree through CMU’s off-campus sites in Atlanta, GA, specifically Fort McPherson, within 2-3 years. With a positive outlook, I re-immersed myself in the academic world. Unfortunately, my family and I were transferred to Germany in July 2001 on short notice with the U.S. Army. As my enclosed résumé clearly shows, I was fully engaged in positions of tremendous responsibility between 2001 and 2004. The reactions to the September 11, 2001, tragedy and subsequent world events affected us here in Germany. We in the Army worked without break or weekend for many years. As a husband and father of four children my duties to this part of my life suffered as well. I was forced to ignore the needs of my academic program.
Suddenly in the early Spring of 2004, I was informed that my long-standing request to retire from military service had been approved. I enrolled in the TSU Distance Learning Program and signed up for POL 5552 and 6610. However, I was appointed as the Army in a very politically messy murder case involving US and German authorities. Between February and September 2004, I spent countless hours in hearings, on panels, analyzing evidence and testimony, negotiating with German authorities, and eventually crafting a report that, upon completion of a Court Martial, convicted a US service member of murder.

In October 2004, I retired honorably and assumed a position as an in Mainz, Germany, for the US Forces here. The job affords many opportunities to operate in the international environment. We engage officials at all levels of German government and public administration; assist in the execution of US plans and programs; work with both US Departments of State and Defense officials daily; and control resources such as personnel, funds and budgets, and facilities. This new civilian government job has, however, also eclipsed my efforts to complete my academic program. Hours are long and travel is extensive.

Also, my family and I were required to relocate our residence within Germany in the summer of 2004, and again in late 2006. On the personal level, we experienced several deaths of immediate family members during this time, and two of my family members were sick for many months. I am a proud man and, therefore, embarrassed by having to mention it or be forced to rely on it as a means to convince you to approve this request. But, until most recently, it has caused me to essentially forego all other endeavors outside of caring for my family for the past year.

My wife and oldest daughter suffer from a similar set of emotional and mental health problems. Both suffer from depression, outbreaks of rage, and occasional psychosis attacks. It has been proven to be a hereditary problem in my wife’s family; an item of which none of us had previously been aware. Between September 2005 and March 2007, our family life was focused on love, counseling and various treatments. I can cautiously say that both are doing better – and we hope we have rounded the corner with this problem.

Now it is May 2007 and I am once again in a position to finish the course work for these two Troy State University classes: International Law (TSU POL 5552) and International Organizations (TSU POL 6610). This situation is the only item holding me back from satisfying program requirements for a Masters of Science. I can and will do that, but only with your support and approval of this one-time exception.

I make no excuses nor blame others for my predicament. I do, however, ask for your understanding and support in this matter.

Again, thank you for all your support. I may be contacted at: (international direct dial)  (fax: ) or email:

encl
-Resume

//original signed//
USA

Email:
Home:
Work:

Work Experience
11/01/2004 to Present. Hrs per week 50, International Relations (GS-0131-15) U.S. Forces Liaison Office to Rheinland-Pfalz & Saarland, United States Army, Europe and 7th Army, Heidelberg, Germany, with duty in Mainz, APO AE 09096, Mr. Mike Pearce, DSN 314-370-9369. Serves as the U.S. Forces Liaison to the German regions of Rheinland-Pfalz and Saarland. Represents the CGUSAREUR/7A, CGUSAFE, COMUSEUCOM, and other U.S. Forces commanders to highest Land (state) officials and to federal officials operating at Land level. Keeps senior German officials and other key opinion makers informed about U.S. Forces developments, policies, programs, plans and requirements and concurrently informs U.S. Forces officials of host nation issues, concerns and wishes that have an impact on U.S. Forces operations and well being. Develops, coordinates, attains resources for and executes the annual engagement program for these states and associated military. Assists U.S. commanders and German officials in dealing with controversial, difficult, and complex issues involving regional bilateral interests. Maintains close contacts with the appropriate Consul General and the consular staff. Uses language skills to enhance understanding and promote meaningful dialog between the military commands and German officials at all levels.

06/15/2003 to 04/15/2004. Hrs per week: 60, GS-0340-15/LTC. 104th Area Support Group (Garrison-Hessen); US Army, APO, AE 09165, COL George Latham, DSN 314-322-1300. Senior base operations manager for US Army garrisons in Hessen and Baumholder. Supervised, executed personnel management responsibilities, and directly coordinated the work of a 350-person staff operating in an overseas environment and consisting of a multi-national workforce. Prepared the command's budget forecast and incorporated information into the final operating budget, and was responsible for overseeing the programming and execution of a $300M annual budget. Responsible for the management of all command programs and projects; planned work to be accomplished, set priorities, and prepared schedules for completion of work, and monitored works in-progress. Dealt frequently with officials of other units, organizations and host nation officials in planning, coordination and execution of base operation functions. Promoted EEO. Responsible for the overall administrative management within the community. Developed overall requirements for short and long-range plans, as well as for current operations. Represented the ASG and US Forces at German state/local government levels. Participated in the Hessen Security Council, and interacted frequently with VBK 47 and WBK II. Oversaw activities to ensure that the positive image of America was maintained; supervised the public affairs and command information programs.

07/01/2001 to 06/15/2003. Hrs per week: 65, GS-0801-14/LTC. 104th Area Support Group (Garrison-Hessen); US Army. APO, AE 09165, Dr. Robert Kandler, DSN 314-322-1310. As Director, DPW, provided complex professional services in the areas of Public Works directly affecting a complex multi-mission military installation. Directly responsible and significantly involved in activities related to the development of plans, establishment of milestones, and delivery of completed projects for all aspects in the Public Works arena. Served as the Installation/ASG Commanders professional consultant on engineering matters in German State of Hessen and Baumholder, to include developing plans and formulating policy for the DPW functions. (continues)
Planned, organized, directed, controlled, and supervised the multinational DPW staff. Routine activities included oversight of traditional public works programs and functions of: real property and facility maintenance, repair, project development and designs, construction, master planning, bachelor (UPH) and family housing (AFH), and environmental and fire protection. Oversaw the execution of the annual DPW work plans for over 60 sub-installations and accompany DPW budget estimates, valued at over $140 million. Supervised and managed both in-house and contracted workforces consisting of multi-national personnel. Executed work scheduling, and allocation of resources in support of facilities repair and maintenance. Developed long-range plans to include base stationing and facility investments. Developed and implemented financial controls for the DPW work effort. Created the DPW review and analysis program, and numerous other industrial engineering studies and recommendations, all designed to improve effectiveness and efficiency. Oversaw the automation support and database management functions for the DPWs. Worked closely with the German agencies governing DPW functions to include the OFD, BVA, SBA, WBV and WBK.

07/15/1999 to 06/30/2001. Hrs per week: 50. GS-801-14/LTC. US Army Forces Command, Engineer Division, Ft. McPherson, GA 30330, COL (Ret) Frank Ellis, (706) 791-8676. Served as the military deputy to the Forces Command Engineer. Responsibilities included unit readiness for all Army engineer forces, the preparation of plans and contingency responses, writing correspondence and preparing/presenting briefings on a wide array of topics. Additional duties included representation as the senior engineer on the MACOM Battle Staff and Crisis Action Team and within its Operations Center. Served as the Program Manager for the expansion of the Army's Facility Engineer Team transition and the Initial Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) for FORSOM. Assisted in the management of the Division budget execution and the supervision of over 60 civilians, contractors and military members.

08/15/1997 to 07/15/1999. Hrs per week: 60. GS-801-14/LTC. Third US Army/US Army Forces Central Command, Ft. McPherson, GA 30330, COL (Ret) Peter Deperro, (404) 464-7131. Served as the Branch Chief, Engineer Plans and Operations (GS-801-14 equiv.), performing duties that included planning, project design and coordination, coalition building and implementation of host nation engagement activities with several Middle East nations, all designed to build trust and ensure accessibility for US Forces in the region. Worked closely with foreign dignitaries and military representatives from many nations. Developed professional relationships with same individuals. Advised the command on matters of interest and where improvements could be made. Assisted in the hosting of protocol activities, and escorted General Officers and delegations during their visits. Oversaw the directorate annual budget, and supervised the work efforts of 30 individuals.

05/06/1996 to 08/15/1997. Hrs per week: 60. GS-801-MAJ. 417th Base Support Battalion (Garrison-Kitzingen), US Army, APO, AE 09244, COL Charles Allen, unknown. Served as the Installation Command's professional consultant on engineering matters in northern Bavaria. Planned, organized, directed, controlled, and supervised the multinational 400-person in-house staff which also included contracted effort and inter- and intra-service agreements. Routine activities included oversight of traditional public works programs and functions of: real property and facility maintenance and repair, construction, master planning, bachelor (UPH) and family housing (AFH), and environmental and fire protection. Directly controlled the development of annual work plans, project designs, contracting and contract supervision, work scheduling, allocation of resources, and preparation and execution of the annual DPW budget, valued at over $45 million. Created the DPW review and analysis program, and numerous other industrial engineering studies and recommendations, all designed to improve effectiveness and efficiency. (continues)
Oversaw the automation support, database management functions, and certification of computer systems for the DPW. Regularly met with representatives from higher headquarters, other federal agencies, industry, consultants, local commanders/staff, and foreign officials presenting, negotiating and/or defending the Commands interests, giving professional advice on engineering problems and programs both current and projected. Worked closely with the German agencies governing DPW functions to include the BVA, SBA, and V BK.

03/01/1992 to 01/06/1996. Hrs per week: 60.4 (see below), GS-0131 - MAJ. Third Infantry and First Armored Divisions, US Army. APO, AE 09244, COL B.B. Bell, tel unk.

Feb 1995 to May 1996: S-3 Operations and Training Officer and Brigade Base Camp Coordination Officer, 40th Engineer Battalion and 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany, and Bosnia-Herzegovina; second level supervisor: COL Steven Hawkins, (513) 684-3010. Served as the Plans, Operations, Training, and Security Officer for this organization in both Germany and for an extended deployment in the Balkans. Wrote plans, mobilization documents, training master plans, prepared and presented numerous briefings. Supervised the work of over 25 individuals and oversaw the unit's operational and training budgets. In Bosnia, directly controlled the deployment planning and mission execution for this 650-man outfit as part of the initial Implementation Force (IFOR). Additionally directly controlled and coordinated the efforts to create base camps in specified regions that housed over 6000 soldiers. Established plans, work priorities, controlled LOGCAP contractor efforts in assigned sectors. Established contact and nurtured relationships with foreign military representatives and Bosnian civil authorities to allow for successful completion of the assigned US Forces mission.

Education
EDUCATION:
BS, 1982, Civil/Mining Engineering, Univ. of Pittsburgh (PA); MS, (graduation pending), International Admin, Central Michigan University; 1978, Wilson HS.

TRAINING:
Department of the Army Senior Leadership for Executive (SLE) Course, 2006
Department of the Army Organizational Leadership for Executives (OLE) Course, 2004
Department of the Army Civilian Leadership and Development Train-The-Trainer (LEAD-TTT), 2004
Department of the Army Civilian Leadership and Development (LEAD) Course, 2004
DA Personnel Management for Supervisors of GS Employees, 2002
DA Personnel Management for Supervisors of Local National (LN) Employees, 2001
Director of Engineering and Housing/Public Works Management Overview Course, 1996
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Job Order Contracting (JOC) Course, 1996
Military Housing and Lodging Institute Courses, 2003/4
U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, 1996
U.S. Army Combined Arms and Services Staff School, 1992
U.S. Army Engineer Officer Advance Course, 1986
U.S. Army Engineer Officer Basic Course, 1983
U.S. Army Adjutant/S-1 Administration Course, 1986
Federal Republic of Germany Army Officers Company Command Course, 1992
Additional Information
AWARDS:
US Army Europe Project Partnership, US Individual Winner, 1993
Others available upon request
LICENSES/CERTIFICATES:
Certified Defense Privatization Manager Levels I and II
PHMA Certification Levels I and II (pending)
Department of the Army Center for Army Leadership (CAL) adjunct faculty for LEAD
OTHER INFORMATION:
Proficient in the German language, both oral and written
Possess TOP SECRET security clearance since 1988
Member of SAME, AEA, PHMA professional associations
Dr. Dianne Barron

From: rinehart [rinehart@troy.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2007 9:40 AM
To: 'Dr. Dianne Barron'
Subject: FW: Request to retake two courses as a Special Admission Student

From: rinehart [mailto:rinehart@troy.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2007 3:32 PM
To: 
Cc: 'Barbara Echord'; 'dlbarron@troy.edu'
Subject: RE: Request to retake two courses as a Special Admission Student

POL 6610 – International Organizations is now IR 6610 (same course, just a different prefix—International Relations). POL 5552 – International Law is now IR 5552 – International Law; again, the same course. If the IR prefixes work for your needs, you may take those two courses.
JFR

From: Dr. Dianne Barron [mailto:dlbarron@troy.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2007 2:33 PM
To: 
Cc: Jim Rinehart; 'Barbara Echord'
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-----Original Message-----
From: James Rinehart [mailto:rinehart@troy.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2007 10:16 AM
To: 'Dr. Dianne Barron'
Subject: FW: Update

I will give the packet careful consideration once it reaches my desk.
JFR

-----Original Message-----
From: JFR
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2007 5:35 AM
To: James Rinehart
Subject: Update

Dr. Rinehart - please refer to Dr. Barron's reply to me directly below.

My assessment is that the decision to approve or deny my request will soon land on your
desk for final action. Based upon this assumption, I respectfully request your support to
allow me finish this course work now.
With your support, I can resurrect the assignments and tasks you gave us back in 2004 Term
5 and finish this quickly. I even have the final exam (still have never laid eyes on it
yet!) and my proctor is still available to administer it.
If you can find it in your heart to approve this exceptional request, I will get this done to TSU and your standards, transfer these credits back to Central Michigan U, and quietly "go away", extremely grateful for the support from Troy State.

Vr-

Mainz, Germany

-----Dr. Barron's Email------

Subject RE: Request for On-time Exception to Policy From "Dr. Dianne Barron"
Date Tuesday, May 22, 2007 8:19 pm
To

I have received your request. Your request will be forwarded to the college for review and recommendation. This process takes about 30 days. You will be notified of the response. Sincerely,

Dr. Dianne L. Barron
Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate School Troy University
(334) 670-3189
Troy University 120th Anniversary

----- Original Message -----  
From: James Rinehart
Date: Monday, May 14, 2007 10:14 pm
Subject: RE: Emergency Update
To:

> You will need to check with the registrar, but after three years, I'm
> sure that the Incomplete has turned into an "F," which means you will
> have to re-take the course. There is a one year time limit on Incompletes.
> JFR
> 
> James F. Rinehart, Ph.D.
> Professor and Chair,
> Department of Political Science
> Director, MS in International Relations Program Troy University
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> 
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Central Michigan University  
College of Extended learning  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48859

SUBJECT: Explanation of Continuing Extenuating Circumstances; Request for Graduation  
Extension of Time to Complete a Degree Program,

Dear Friends at Central Michigan University,

I respectfully request a final extension until to allow successful completion of administrative  
actions associated with CMU evaluation of my Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) packet, and the  
transfer of six credit hours from Troy State University (TSU) to CMU. Once these have occurred,  
I will have fulfilled requirements for completing my academic goal of a Masters of Science in  
International Administration (MSIA). Without your support and approval of this one-time  
request, it is very unlikely that I will be unable to ever achieve this lofty goal.

Due to normal seven-year applicability rule, several classes I successfully completed in Fall 1999  
and Spring 2000 will no longer count towards program completion. These are: MSA 600, 620,  
640 and 610, plus MKT 560. These are shown on the accompanying extension request form.

In October 2006, I wrote you requesting an extension of time until May 2007 to allow me to  
compile a PLA and complete the two TSU classes (see my enclosed letter, dated 12 October  
2006). Dr. Ross generously approved this request in November 2006 (see enclosed e-mail).  
I was and remain extremely grateful for that opportunity. However, I was unable to fulfill my  
obligations in a time frame that would allow for all external parties to complete their efforts and  
administrative transactions to meet the 31 May 2007 suspense. Additionally, a subsequent  
personal matter, very compelling in nature, had gotten worse. Allow me to explain this difficult  
and painful situation.

The extenuating circumstances surrounding my personal situation, as outlined in my 12 October  
2006 letter, have not significantly changed. I still am a busy father, husband, student and  
employee. However, a family matter that was only casually mentioned in that letter had gotten  
worse since we last corresponded. I am a proud and, therefore, embarrassed by having to  
mention it or be forced to rely on it as a means to convince you to approve this request. But, until  
most recently, it has caused me to essentially forego all other endeavors outside of caring for my  
family for the past year.
The reference in my October letter to “long-term sickness of one of my children” specifically means emotional and mental health problems my oldest daughter had developed. My wife also suffers from a similar set of problems. Both suffer from depression, outbreaks of rage, and occasional psychosis attacks. It has been proven to be a hereditary problem in my wife’s family; an item of which none of us had previously been aware. Between September 2005 and March 2007, our family life was focused on love, counseling and various treatments. I can cautiously say that both are doing better – and we hope we have rounded the corner with this problem.

My Prior Learning Assessment packet has been submitted to the Program Coordinator, albeit only this month. Additionally, I have recently completed the course work for the two Troy State University classes that were previously approved for transfer into CMU as part of my program, *International Law* (TSU POL 5552) and *International Organizations* (TSU POL 6610). Again, this completion is very recent; administrative steps to include transferal to CMU will require time beyond the 31 May 07 deadline.

I make no excuses nor blame others for my predicament. I do, however, ask for your understanding and support in this matter.

Again, thank you for all your support. I may be contacted at: (international direct dial), fax: or email:

---UNSIGNED FINAL DRAFT---

2 encls
-E-mail
-Request

Rheinland-Pfalz & Saarland
Emergency Update

Dr. Dianne Barron

From:

Sent: Friday, May 11, 2007 8:01 AM

To: rinehart@troyst.edu

Subject: Emergency Update

Attachments: CMU Grad Extension Request.doc; CMU Grad Admin Extension Request.doc

Dr. Rinehart - sorry that it's been such a long time since our last correspondence.

Please see the two attached letters I have sent/am sending to Central Mich Univ. The first is from Oct 06, the second will be mailed next week. My personal life, as described in these, has been very tough these past few years. I am now up against the wall academically and will complete the requirements for our POL 5552 class within the next 14 days.

My only hope is that you & TSU can find it in your hearts to allow me to successfully complete a DL class that is almost three years overdue.

If possible, I would call you in your office from Germany.

Most respectfully,

Mainz, Germany

Direct dial:

----- Original Message ----- 
From: rinehart@troyst.edu
Date: Wednesday, December 29, 2004 8:16 pm
Subject: Re: Latest Update
To: 

> OK, now I understand the question. Thanks. You may submit
> them via e-mail, as a WORD doc. attachment. If you would
> like to have the materials returned to you with my comments,
> please be sure to place your mailing address on the front
> cover of the paper.
> JFR
> >
> > James F. Rinehart, Ph.D.
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Ms. Barron & Rinehart - Respectfully request the opportunity to engage you in my personal academic situation. Due to competing real-world requirements over the past 3-4 months, I have been unable to focus the necessary effort to complete POL 5552 & 6610 by Christmas 2002. Therefore, I must ask you for one final extension to 15 April 2003 to allow successful completion of our coursework. I am a transient student completing an MS in International Administration from Central Michigan University. These two classes plus my final project will allow for successful closure of this academic goal.

The attached email string lays out the basic situation, however, my immediate predicament is that I was unable to complete my end of this agreement and must ask for one final extension to 15 April 2003. My grades now are commuted to "F". I have done much of the work in Dr. Jallard’s POL 6610 class and have her support to continue until finished. Dr. Hazen is supportive but cannot permit a continuation without support from the both of you.

The U.S. Army Education Center is waiting until this period to make collection on expended tuition assistance funds if I am unsuccessful in completing these classes. My command is supportive and expects completion as well. Hence, I am under both internal and external pressure to finish the job started in 2001.

Only with your support will I be able to attain this lofty academic dream. I eagerly await your replies.

Most respectfully-

Hanau, Germany

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