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Rancho Santiago Community College District
REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC EQUIVALENCIES TO MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR A
DISCIPLINE/PROGRAM/COURSE

FORM 1

Each time a department/division wishes to alter its agreed upon equivalencies, for all discipline hirings, it must file a new "Request for Equivalencies to Minimum Qualifications" form.

Name of the Discipline/Program/Course Gemology

1. List the current Minimum Qualifications for the discipline/program or course.

Masters in business, business management, business
administration, accountancy, finance, marketing, or
business education

2. List the equivalencies for the discipline/program or course your department accepts as valid.

Graduate Gemologist degree from GIA
6 years work experience in jewelry industry

3. Rationale

Please see attachment

SUBMITTED BY:

Department/Division Gemology

Department Chair and/or Subject Area Specialist Lothar Vallot

Date 2/29/12

Appropriate Dean Carly Dwyer

Date 3/7/12

Three faculty from the Department, FSA, Discipline or Division

1. Vallot Lothar
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Lothar Vallot
Signature

Date 2/29/12

2. Deekey Steven
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Steven Deekey
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Date 3/5/2012

3. Skayor Bonnie
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Bonnie Skayor
Signature

Date 3/5/2012

APPROVED/DENIED (Circle One) BY:

Academic Senate Representative

Steven Deekey

Date 3/5/2012

Academic Senate President

Marie J. Sanchez

Date 3/6/2012

President or designee

Marie J. Sanchez

Date 3/13/12

Reason for denial:

The Gemological Institute of America, located in Carlsbad, CA www.gia.org, plays a significant role in the jewelry industry on 2 levels..

First, they are the leading gemological educational institution. Their Graduate Gemologist diploma is recognized by every organization connected to the jewelry industry in the world. Established in 1931 they have essentially created the science of gemology. The Gemmological Association of Great Britain is the only other educational with international recognition.

Second, their diamond grading certificates and colored stone reports are the gold standard in the jewelry industry. There is no higher authority. Once a stone carries a GIA certificate the grade or identification is beyond question. Most large stone sales are not possible without a GIA certificate.

It is essential for the Diamond Grading instructor at SCC to be a Graduate Gemologist in order for our program to be recognized as legitimate. Stores that send us employees or independent jewelers enhancing their careers need the assurance that the training they receive is on par with GIA.

The residency program at GIA can be completed in 6 months studying full time. There are no Associate, Bachelor or Masters degrees available in gemology.