Requirements for a Second Master's Degree

The Curriculum Committee, based on a proposal by the Graduate Studies Committee, recommends that the statement concerning the requirements for a second master's degree, as indicated on page 67 of the Graduate Bulletin, be amended as follows:

Graduate students who have completed one Master's degree program at San Jose State University may, with the approval of the new department, undertake to complete requirements for a second Master's degree at this institution.

A student who is interested in undertaking a second graduate degree must apply for admission to the second graduate degree program after the first degree is completed and recorded on his permanent record. All policies and procedures listed in this Bulletin applicable to satisfactory completion of a Master's degree apply to completion of requirements for a second graduate degree.

An approved program for the second degree should be prepared by the student, the adviser and graduate coordinator in the new field without regard to coursework taken in the previous degree. If the new program happens to include coursework taken in the first degree, a maximum of one-third of the total units required for the new degree may be courses completed in the previous degree at this institution.
Thus, for example, a student might be permitted to apply up to 10 units toward a 30 unit program. Such courses must have been completed by the student with a grade of A, B, or in special cases, CR. Students enrolling in Master of Fine Arts program should consult their department regarding acceptance of units earned in a Master of Arts program. The policies concerning undertaking and completing all requirements for the degree, however, are applicable to the second degree are within the seven-year period for completion of the second degree program.