

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of January 12, 2016**  
**3:30 p.m., The Loft, Guillot University Center**

The Graduate Council met on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. in The Loft of the Guillot University Center. Dr. Leah Whitten, Chairperson, presided. The following members were present: Dr. Paulette Alexander, Dr. Lynn Aquadro, Dr. Carolyn Barske, Dr. Joy Borah, Ms. Pamela Boren, Dr. Chris Maynard for Dr. Carmen Burkhalter, Ms. Jill Chambers, Mr. Zach Crowell, Dr. Wendy Darby, Dr. Sandra Loew, Dr. Amber Paulk, Ms. Celia Reynolds, Dr. Craig Robertson, and Dr. Jeremy Stafford. Attending as guests were: Ms. Hillary Coats, Dr. Kelly Latchaw, Dr. Claudia Vance, and Dr. Tammy Winner.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2015

Dr. Paulk moved approval and Dr. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the Graduate Faculty Application of Dr. Matthew Barlow

By consensus, the application was approved.

Report from the Graduate Advisory Council

There was no report from the Graduate Advisory Council.

Consideration of the request from the Department of English for a new degree: M.A. in Writing with three tracks: Professional Writing, Rhetoric and Composition, and Creative Writing with new courses: EN 534W, 539, 540W, 544W, 545W, 575W, 602W, 609W, 610W, 615W, 625W, 635W, 645W, 656W, 660W, 691W, and 694W

Dr. Darby moved approval and Dr. Robertson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. This item will require ACHE approval.

Consideration of the request from the Department of Sociology and Family Studies for a revision to admission requirements for the M.S. in Family Studies degree program and addition of a new course, FS 500, to the M.S. in Family Studies degree program thereby adding one hour to the degree program

Dr. Loew moved approval and Dr. Robertson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The additional of one hour to the graduate program will require ACHE approval.

Consideration of the request from the Department of Foreign Languages for a new course: FL 597 (to be cross-listed with FL 497)

Dr. Paulk moved approval and Dr. Robertson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Dr. Alexander, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

---

Leah Whitten, Chairperson