

**Graduate Council Meeting**  
Minutes of the Meeting of February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Meeting Conducted via Zoom

**Call to Order**

The Graduate Council met via Zoom on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The meeting convened at 3:30 pm, with Dr. Rebecca Hopkins facilitating.

**Members in attendance:** Dr. Sara Lynn Baird, Dr. Amber Paulk, Dr. Vicki Pierce, Dr. Craig Robertson, Mr. Mitch Powell, Ms. Kayla Bray, Mr. Theron Brown, Jr., Dr. Aaron Burgess, Dr. Wes Davenport, Dr. Ashton Glover, Dr. Rebecca Hopkins, Dr. Jason McCall, Dr. Kristy Oden, Dr. John Parnell, Ms. Lindsey Pike, Dr. Erin Vaughn

**Members not in attendance:** Ms. Bliss Adkison, Dr. Greg Carnes, Dr. Katie Kinney, Mr. Derek Malone, Dr. Chunsheng Zhang, Ms. Alyssa Parten

**Guests:** Dr. Jana Beaver (Proxy for Dr. Greg Carnes), Dr. Butler Cain (Proxy for Dr. Chunsheng Zhang), Dr. Laura Williams, Dr. Jennifer Maddox, Dr. Ryan Zayac, Dr. Sunhui Sim, Dr. Sayeed Shohag

**AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Agenda- A motion was made to approve the agenda by Dr. Burgess. Dr. Robertson provided a second, and the motion passed.
2. Report from the Graduate Advisory Council – Dr. Zayac gave an update on the Graduate Advisory Council’s last meeting on behalf of Dr. Green.
3. Report from the Office of Graduate and Online Education – Dr. Amber Paulk and Dr. Laura Williams updated the group on Graduate Policies.
4. Consideration of the Graduate Faculty Applications for: Dr. Oden made a motion to consider items a, c, f, and h together as these applicants all have terminal degrees. Dr. Parnell made a second. There was no discussion, and the motion passed. Dr. Burgess made a motion to consider items b, d, e (applications from CASE with non-terminal degrees). Dr. Vaughn made a second. Dr. Burgess provided some information on items d&e. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed. Dr. Beaver gave an update on applicant g. There was no discussion, and the motion passed. The terms below were approved via e-business on 2/25.
  - a. Lillian Abreu – Social Work (CASE) – 5 years
  - b. Paul Crawford – Physics & Earth Science (CASE) – 5 years
  - c. Caroline Harmon-Darrow – Social Work (CASE) – 5 years
  - d. Charlotte Lukic – Social Work (CASE) – 5 years
  - e. Emmanuel Chima – Social Work (CASE) – 5 years
  - f. Randall Bunker – Accounting and Business Law (COBT) - Permanent
  - g. Kimberly Kraft – Management & Marketing (COBT) – 5 year
  - h. Yan Liu – Accounting and Business Law – Asia EMBA Program – (COBT) – 5year
5. **University Miscellaneous Items**  
No items to present at this time.

6. **College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering-** Dr. McCall made a motion to consider item a, with a second provided by Dr. Oden. Drs. Baird and Sim gave an update. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed. - Dr. Robertson made a motion to consider item b. Dr. Glover provided a second. Dr. Shohag gave an update to the item, and there was no further discussion. The motion passed.

Voting items

- a. 416 : Post-baccalaureate Advanced GIS Certificate
- b. ENMF 608 : Manufacturing Systems Design and Economics

Information items

- a. EN 592 : Restorative Storytelling
- b. BI 553 : Southeastern Fishes
- c. BI 653 : Southeastern Fishes

7. **College of Business and Technology-** Dr. Vaughn made a motion to discuss item a. Dr. Burgess provided a second. There was no discussion, and the motion passed. Dr. McCall made a motion to discuss items b and c together. Dr. Beaver provided an explanation of these items, and the motion passed. Dr. Davenport made a motion to discuss item d, with a second provided by Dr. Glover. Dr. Robertson asked about having the word "Introduction" in the title of a 600 level course. Dr. Paulk reminded the group that a title change is not a voting item and would be an information item if a change took place. The motion passed.

Voting items

- a. CIS 698 : Independent Study/Research
- b. EMB 585 : Project Management for Executives
- c. 345 : Executive MBA, MBA Executive Curriculum (Online and On-Campus)
- d. DA 675 : Introduction to Business Analytics

Information items

- a. MG 585 : Project Management
- b. MG 685 : Applied Project Management
- c. EC 692 : Strategic Microeconomic Analysis for Manager
- d. EMB 612 : Business Ethics and Responsibility in a Global Economy
- e. EMB 682 : Global Business
- f. AC 642 : Accounting Information for Strategic Decision Making

8. **College of Education and Human Sciences-** Dr. Burgess made a motion to consider items a & b together. Dr. Robertson provided a second. Dr. Robertson raised a concern about students not having to take a comprehensive exam or completing a thesis if this was passed. Dr. McCall echoed his sentiment. No representative from COEHS was present to field the questions. Dr. Robertson made a motion to table items a & b until further discussion could take place. Dr. McCall provided a second. The motion passed. Dr. Robertson made a motion to consider item c. Dr. Vaughn made a second. There was no discussion, and the motion passed.

Voting items

- a. 246 : Master of Science in Exercise Science and Health Promotion
- b. 362 : Master of Science in Sport and Recreation Management
- c. SRM 690 : Independent Study

9. **Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions**  
No items to present at this time.

Dr. Robertson made a motion to adjourn, with a second provided by Dr. Vaughn. The motion carried.