

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of January 15, 2015**  
**3:30 p.m., The Loft, Guillot University Center**

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. in The Loft of the Guillot University Center. Dr. Wendy Darby, Chairperson, presided. The following members were present: Ms. Toysan Reed for Dr. Paulette Alexander, Dr. Lynn Aquadro, Dr. Birdie Bailey, Dr. Carolyn Barske, Ms. Melissa Bolton, Dr. Chris Maynard for Dr. Carmen Burkhalter, Ms. Lisa Burton, Dr. Greg Carnes, Dr. Daniel Hallock, Dr. Kelly Latchaw, Dr. Donna Lefort, Dr. Sandra Loew, Mr. Andy Miller, Mr. Patrick Shremshock, and Dr. Leah Whitten. Attending as guests were: Ms. Hillary Coats, Dr. Beth Sewell, Dr. Katie Kinney, Dr. Jerri Bullard, and Dr. David McCullough.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2014

Dr. Loew moved approval and Ms. Bolton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the request for the addition of the SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison as a non-voting member of the Graduate Council

Dr. Aquadro moved approval and Dr. Barske seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the request from the College of Business to change the current policy of dismissing a student from the MBA program the first time the student's GPA drops below 3.0; broaden admission requirements for the MBA program to cover situations that are currently being addressed with exceptions to the current policy and to clarify how the overall GPA is used in admissions decisions; clarify requirements for earning additional concentrations in the MBA program

Ms. Bolton moved approval and Dr. Hallock seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the request from the Department of English for renumbering of courses: EN 595 to EN 595W and EN 598 to EN 581

Dr. Barske moved approval and Dr. Aquadro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the request from the Department of Computer Information Systems to inactivate course CIS 688

Dr. Hallock moved approval and Ms. Bolton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the request for the Department of Secondary Education to revise the curriculum of the Alternative Class A (Alt A) M.A.Ed. program to comply with requirements of the ALSDE

Dr. Latchaw moved approval and Ms. Bolton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the request from the Department of Counselor Education to remove the National Counselor Exam (NCE) as a requirement for graduation for school counseling track 2 CACREP approach majors

Dr. Latchaw moved approval and Dr. Barske seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of request from the Department of Elementary Education for a new course: EED 601

Dr. Aquadro moved approval and Ms. Bolton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the request by the Department of Sociology and Family Studies for a new course: SO 544

Dr. Aquadro moved approval and Ms. Bolton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the request by the Department of History and Political Science for a new course: HI 697; addition of a research skill requirement to the M.A. in History and M.A. in Public History; addition of an IP grade option to the M.A. in History and the M.A. in Public History

Dr. Loew moved approval and Mr. Shremshock seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the request from the Department of English for the addition of a writing sample requirement to the admissions requirements for the M.A. in English; addition of a foreign language proficiency to the requirements for the M.A. in English

Dr. Barske moved approval and Dr. Loew seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the request from the Department of Music and Theatre for proposed new courses: MU 509, MU 527, MU 547, MU 567, MU 577, and MU 658

Dr. Aquadro moved approval and Dr. Barske seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## Report from the Graduate Advisory Council

For the Graduate Advisory Council, Chair Beth Sewell reported that the GAC meets at 3:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Items presently under review are the following: branding campaign; ways to increase enrollments and approach competitive markets; hybrid vs. online vs. face-to-face courses; conditional and unconditional admission; various partnerships; and ACHE/SACSCOC. Future topics for consideration are the following: graduation/registration fee, continuous enrollment, and number of times a student can take comps. Dr. Sewell indicated the GAC is open to suggestions from any Graduate Council member or the campus at large.

Upon motion by Ms. Bolton and second by Mr. Miller, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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Wendy Darby, Chairperson