

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of July 5, 2017**  
**3:00 p.m., Raburn Conference Room of Keller Hall**

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at 3 p.m. in the Raburn Conference Room of Keller Hall. Dr. Wendy Darby, Chairperson, presided. The following members were present: Dr. Jana Beaver for Dr. Paulette Alexander, Dr. Ross Alexander, Dr. Lynn Aquadro, Dr. Joy Borah, Dr. Christopher Maynard for Dr. Carmen Burkhalter, Dr. Greg Carnes, Ms. Jennifer Hogan for Mr. Zach Crowell, Dr. Melvin Davis, Dr. Beth Sewell for Dr. Donna Lefort, Dr. Amber Paulk, Dr. Vicki G. Pierce, Dr. Craig Robertson, and Dr. Jeremy Stafford. Other guests attending were Dr. Cynthia Burkhead, Ms. Hillary Coats, Dr. Katie Kinney, Dr. Kristi Oden, and Dr. Cindy Stenger.

Approval of the minutes of the meetings of November 22, 2016, and April 12, May 11, and June 8, 2017

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

Consideration of Graduate Faculty Applications for Dr. Peggy Bergeron, Dr. Tabitha L. Blasingame, Dr. Matthew Campbell, Dr. Chris Cottingham, Dr. Jill Dahlman, Dr. Brian Dempsey, Dr. Emily Kasl, Mr. Jason McCall (MFA), Dr. Shelia G. O'Briant, Dr. Jason Price, Ms. Katie Randall, Dr. Heather Rhodes, Dr. Jason Smith, Dr. Erin Vaughn, Dr. Karla Zelaya

Dr. Aquadro moved approval of the collective group minus Katie Randall, and Dr. Robertson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. In the case of Katie Randall who does not hold a terminal degree but holds special expertise consistent with SACSCOC guidelines for faculty competence, Dr. Robertson moved approval for a five-year period and Dr. Paulk seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the request from the Council of Academic Deans relative to acceptance of seniors to take graduate courses as it relates to dual enrolled program

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

Consideration of the request from the Department of English for proposed editorial changes in the MA Writing program: EN 535W, EN 544W, EN 595W, EN 635W, EN 645W, EN 656W, and EN 691W

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

Consideration of the request from the Department of Mathematics for a change in title and prerequisite for MA 537; change in course prerequisite for MA 551; change in course title for

MA 611, 612, MA 621, MA 623, and MA 625; change in course title of MA 538 and course number from MA 538 to MA 637, change in course numbers of MA 552 to MA 651, MA 561 to MA 661, MA 565 to MA 665, MA 591 to MA 691

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

Consideration of the request from the Department of Mathematics for a new degree: M.S. in Mathematics

Dr. Paulk made a motion and Dr. Robertson seconded the motion to approve the new degree program, contingent on no adverse comments received during 15-day faculty comment period which ends on July 10. The motion was approved unanimously. This degree program will require ACHE approval.

Consideration of the request from the Department of Nursing – Online for revisions to the MSN Teaching-Learning Environment Program Outcomes and revisions to the course description of NU 699

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

Consideration of the request from the Department of Secondary Education for editorial changes to the MAED International ESOL program description

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

Consideration of the request from the Department of Counselor Education for the creation of a new dual degree program

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

Consideration of the request from the Department of Elementary Education for the creation of five (5) new courses: EED 602, EED 603, EED 605, EED 610, and EED 625; revision of 11 course descriptions which include 5 updated course titles: ECE 603, ECE 604, ECE 609, ECE 637, ECE 673, EED 601, EED 608, EED 611, EED 612, EED 613, and EED 615; and revision of three (3) course rotations: ECE 603, EED 000, and EED 601

Dr. Robertson made a motion and Dr. Aquadro seconded the motion approving the proposals with the understanding that the five new courses will become effective with the 2017 fall semester and the remaining revisions effective with the 2018 fall semester. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the request from the College of Business for the conversion of the current four-hour MG 600 course to two 2-hour courses, splitting the content but retaining all of the subject matter, and the associated modifications to prerequisite notations for other MBA courses

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

2017-18 Graduate Council Meeting Schedule – 3:30 p.m. (except where otherwise noted):  
September 14, 2017 (GUC Loft); October 19, 2017 (GUC 200); January 18, 2018 (GUC 200);  
February 8, 2018 (GUC 200); April 19, 2018 (GUC 200); 3 p.m. on June 14, 2018 (Raburn  
Conference Room)

This was an information item that required no action from the Council; however, returning Council members were asked to calendar these meeting dates.

Dr. Paulk moved to adjourn and Dr. Aquadro seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

*Wendy Darby*

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Wendy Darby, Chairperson