

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES WEB VERSION**  
**October 15, 2015**

**MEMBERS:**

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Christina Martin (Chair)	X		Maria Kroneneburg (telephone)	X	
Diane Bandow (telephone)	X		Riad Aisami (telephone)	X	
Rhonda Bowron	X		Kristie Roberts-Lewis (telephone)		X
Tonya Connor (telephone)	X		Dionne Rosser-Mims (telephone)		X*
Tammy Esteves (telephone)	X		Lynn Boyd	X	
Steve Grice	X		Amy Spurlock	X	
Maureen Hannay (telephone)	X		Jeff Spurlock	X**	
			Bridgette Colaco**		
Jonathan Harrington		X*			
Bill Zhong	X		Dr. Mary Anne Templeton, ex officio		X*
			Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio	X*	

X\*--absent with notice    \*\*attending as proxy for member

Dr. Robin Bynum (COE)

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Christina Martin called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Rhonda Bowron moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Amy Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

**III. Approval of the September 17, 2015 meeting minutes (to include the Web Version).**

Dr. Rhonda Bowron motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Amy Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

**IV. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School**

Dr. Barron mentioned that the Graduate Chair Workshop was held earlier in the week. The Workshop included presentations on changes to the 2015-16 Graduate Catalog, new library collection additions, faculty certification and exemplar justifications for out of field degrees, communications, faculty advising, program assessment through comprehensive exams or capstone courses, directing a thesis, grade inflation, and various opportunities to enhance learning. Dr. Barron also reminded everyone to submit the 2016-17 Graduate Catalog changes as soon as possible. All changes should be submitted by January and February.

**V. Business Items**

**NOTE: Policy changes, curriculum changes, etc. approved by the council are effective the following academic year unless otherwise indicated**

College of Education

**1. Student #1 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MS.AE)**

Master of Science in Adult Education student requests an extension of credits and has a 3.21 GPA.

Dr. Rhonda Bowron presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Rhonda Bowron advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until the end of Term 2, 2016. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bill Zhong motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Tonya Connor seconded. The motion was approved.

**2. Student #2 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (EDS.ELE)**

Education Specialist in Elementary Education student requests an extension of credits and has a 2.92 GPA. Dr. Rhonda Bowron presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Rhonda Bowron advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until the end of Term 5, 2016. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Steve Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

**3. Student #3 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MS.MCPGEN)**

Master of Science in Counseling & Psychology student requests an extension of credits and has a 3.5 GPA. Dr. Bowron presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Bowron advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until the end of Term 2, 2016. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bridgette Colaco motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

**4. Student #4 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MS.MCPCMH)**

Master of Science in Counseling & Psychology student requests an extension of credits and has a 3.94 GPA. Dr. Bowron presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Bowron advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until the end of Term 5, 2016. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

**5. Student #5 — Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MS.AE10)**

Master of Science in Adult Education student requests an extension of credits and has a 3.0 GPA. Dr. Bowron presented the student's request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. Dr. Bowron advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until the end of Term 5, 2016. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Zhong seconded. The motion was approved.

Information Items:

6. SACS Program Closures – Albany, Georgia
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9. SACS Program Closures – Brunswick, Georgia
10. SACS Program Closures – Columbus/Ft. Benning, Georgia
11. SACS Program Closures – Covington, Georgia

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2015 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall (room 330) at 1:30 p.m.