

# GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 16, 2015

## MEMBERS:

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Christina Martin (Chair)	X		Maria Kroneneburg (telephone)	X	
Diane Bandow (vtel)	X		Irem Ozkarahan (telephone)	X	
Rhonda Bowron	X		Kristie Roberts-Lewis (telephone)		X
Tonya Connor (telephone)	X		Dionne Rosser-Mims (vtel)		X
Tammy Esteves (telephone)**		X*	Carolyn Russell (vtel)		X*
Steve Grice	X		Amy Spurlock	X	
Joy Hadwiger (telephone)	X		Jeff Spurlock		X*
Maureen Hannay (telephone)	X		Linda Vanderbleek (telephone)	X	
Jonathan Harrington		X *	Dr. Mary Anne Templeton, ex officio	X	
William Heisler (telephone)	X		Dr. Dianne Barron, ex officio	X	

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

Dr. Suman Kumar, \*\*Dr. Pam Dunning, Dr. Denise Green, Dr. Robert Wheatley, Kim Barron, Dr. Robyn Bynum, Donna Bragg, Sharon Grissett

### I. Call to Order

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

### II. Approval of Agenda

One last minute change of the agenda was presented. Due to a scheduling conflict, Agenda Item #10 was presented first in order for Dr. Denise Green to leave for a required webinar.

Dr. Rhonda Bowron moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Steve Grice seconded. The motion was approved.

### III. Approval of the March 19, 2015 meeting minutes (to include the Web Version).

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

### IV. Approval of the April 7, 2015 Electronic Called meeting minutes.

Dr. Steve Grice motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Rhonda Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

### V. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Barron thanked everyone for the success of the April 7<sup>th</sup> electronic called meeting.

### VI. Business Items

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

College of Health and Human Services**10. Master of Social Work Program Catalog Updates**

Dr. Denise Green presented a memorandum of four proposals from the College of Health and Human Services for clarification of language in the graduate catalog. First, the proposal was for clarification in the language of the director of the Master of Social Work's role and responsibilities. Second, the Master of Social Work wanted language that addressed the "goodness of fit" and ethical standards and expectations. The third and fourth proposals were to offer the Advanced Standing (1 year) Direct Practice MSW program on the Phenix City and Montgomery campuses. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Amy Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Rhonda Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Arts and Sciences**1. Jenya Rhone—Extension of the Eight-Year Rule (MPA)**

Master of Public Administration student requesting an extension and has a 2.80 GPA. Dr. Pam Dunning presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. She advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and denied the original extension. However, two courses that would expire in the next year were extended until July 31, 2016. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

**2. Hari Pulimi — Extension of the Eight-Year Rule (MSCS)**

Master of Science in Computer Science student requesting an extension and has a 3.50 GPA. Dr. Suman Kumar presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the College of Arts and Sciences academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until May 31, 2016. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

Sorrell College of Business**3. Henry Miller — Extension of the Eight-Year Rule (MSHRM)**

Master of Science in Human Resources Management student requesting an extension and has a 2.84 GPA. Dr. Robert Wheatley presented the students' request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. He advised that the Sorrell College of Business academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension of one course until March 6, 2016. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bill Heisler seconded. The motion was approved.

**4. Add MSM Project Management concentration to Vietnam location**

Dr. Robert Wheatley presented the proposal from the Sorrell College of Business on adding the Master of Management Project Management concentration to the Hanoi, Vietnam campus. Everything is prepared to begin the program in August 2015 at the Vietnam location. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bowron seconded. The motion was approved.

**5. Remove research course designation for QM 6640**

Dr. Wheatley presented the proposal from the Sorrell College of Business to remove the “B” or better requirement for QM 6640. In addition, QM 6640 will no longer be the designated research course for the Master of Business Administration program. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Grice seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Education**6. Michael Heer— Extension of Eight-Year Requirement (MSEDHYA)**

Master of Science in Education: Alternative Fifth-Year History student requesting an extension and has a 3.60 GPA. Dr. Rhonda Bowron presented the student’s request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. She advised that the College of Education academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until May 31, 2016. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Amy Spurlock motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Grice seconded. The motion was approved.

**7. Suspension of the MSADE Certificate in Training and Development for one year.**

Dr. Rhonda Bowron presented the proposal from the College of Education to suspend the Master of Science in Adult Education Certificate in Training and Development for one year. This decision is due to the fact that many courses for this degree are no longer offered by the Sorrell College of Business. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Grice motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Amy Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

**8. Change in the MSE Elementary Education program delivery method**

Dr. Rhonda Bowron presented the proposal from the College of Education to offer the Master of Science in Elementary Education program as a blended format for Dothan and Phenix City campuses. Due to changes in student preferences in classroom and educational formats, the college believes the blended format will be a better fit for the students in this program. Following a brief discussion, Dr. William Heisler motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Diane Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

College of Health and Human Services**9. Angela Yawn — Extension of Five-Year Requirement (MSN)**

Family Nurse Practitioner Post-Master’s Certificate student requesting an extension and has a 3.12 GPA. Dr. Amy Spurlock presented the student’s request for an extension of the eight-year waiver. She advised that the College of Health and Human Services academic review committee had reviewed the request and recommended approval of the extension until July 31, 2015. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Tonya Connor seconded. The motion was approved.

Graduate School**11. Graduate Academic council meeting dates AY 2015 – 2016.**

Stephanie Wallace presented the tentative dates for the Graduate Academic Council for the 2015 – 2016 academic year. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Bandow seconded. The motion was approved.

Information Items:**12. ACHE letter**

Dr. Barron noted that with the recently voted postponement of the Master of Science in Adult Education Certificate in Training and Development would also be a year postponement for Alabama Commission on Higher Education. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Bowron motioned to approve the recommendation. Dr. Amy Spurlock seconded. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 21, 2015 in the Conference room of Patterson Hall (room 330) at 1:30 p.m.