## **Graduate Council Meeting Minutes**

2:00 PM, 17 March 2022

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#### Welcome and Attendance:

**Business:** Jeremy Bennett, Vijaya **Libraries:** Kim Eccles

Subrahmanyam, Julie Petherbridge

Education: Susie Morrissey, Loleta Sartin, Margie International Programs: Felix Jelen

Jones, Jean Walker, Tracey Wofford, Jeffrey Keese, Jeff Hall, Lucy Bush,

Carol Isaac

Engineering: Sinjae Hyun, Donald Ekong Program Configuration Paul McCord

Team:

Health Nannette Turner, Caroline Brackette Institutional Danielle Buehrer, Susan

**Professions:** Effectiveness: Malone, Kelly McMichael

Law: Institutional Research: Sarah May

Medicine: Brad Lian, Kim Meeks, Stephanie Registrar: Alba Rodriguez, Sarah

Beavers, Christy Bridges McCommon, Lashunda Walker, Diana Hill

Music: Richard Kosowski Bursar: Jessica Ellison

Nursing: Tammy Barbee, Omolara Fyle- Financial Planning: Emmilee Mitchell, Maria

Thorpe, Humberto Reinoso Hammett

Pharmacy: Susan Miller, Candace Barnett, Phil Distance Learning: Susan Codone

Bowen, Renee Hayslett

Professional Tyler Wilkinson, John Carroll, Provost Office: Keith Howard, Lisa Snow

**Theology:** Rob Nash

Colleen Stapleton

# **Approval of Minutes**

**Advancement:** 

Minutes from the February 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed. No corrections were noted. Motioned by Stapleton and seconded by Barbee. Action: Approved

# Academic Proposals – One Drive --> Mar17

**BUS – Jeremy Bennett** 

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
M.Acc.	Program Change Delivery	Mar17-> BUS->MAcc	Approved
	ATL	Offer concurrent instruction to students across face-to-face and	
		online fully synchronous delivery modes. This method provides one "classroom" community, allowing virtual students to participate in real time with their in-person peers. Adding online program for the M.Acc.	
		Effective Fall 2022.	
		Motioned: Sinjae Hyun	
		Seconded: Loleta Sartin	
M.Acc. MBA	Program Change Admissions	Mar17-> BUS->MAcc_MBA	Approved
	ATL	Propose to adopt a Test Optional methodology for admissions.	
	RAC	GMAT/GRE will still be accepted to supplement an	
		application, but not required. MBAmath.com or similar site	
		will be used to gauge quantitative ability if not shown in	
		transcripts. Foundation courses will be lowered to 1 hour, formerly 3 credit hour courses.	
		Motioned: Sinjae Hyun	
		Seconded: Loleta Sartin	
M.Acc.	Program Change	Mar17-> BUS->MAcc_MBA_MSBA_MSIB	Approved
M.B.A.	ATL	Add and musticipal and miles as a manner	
M.S.BA.	RAC	Add career and professional academies as a program requirement for all master's level students. The academies will	
M.S.I.B		explore various essential elements critical for career	
		development and preparation for students to succeed in their	
		careers. The Business School will provide a check mark	
		system to the Registrar's Office for the degree audit.	
		Motioned: Donald Ekong	
		Seconded: Loleta Sartin	

COP – J. Philip Bowen/Renee Hayslett

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
PHA	Course Change	Mar17->COP->PHA_Course	Approved
	ATL	Propose the addition of four didactic electives courses to the Doctor of Pharmacy program. Additionally, Pharmacy proposes to remove 11 courses from the legacy curriculum which was replaced with a revised curriculum in Fall 2020. The legacy curriculum is completing its teach-out and the courses listed, which comprise the third professional year of the legacy curriculum, will no longer be taught.  Motioned: Sinjae Hyun Seconded: Loleta Sartin	

**CPV – Tyler Wilkinson** 

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M.S. LEAD	New Program Course Change ATL RAC	Mar17-> CoPV->MS_Org_Lead  Propose to realign courses in the Leadership for Healthcare Professional (HCAL) concentration with the other two concentrations and add a capstone project. This change will be achieved by replacing two existing courses with two new courses and revising HCAL 700. Discussion followed and John Carrol will make updates by Monday. Students will only need one concentration.  Motioned: Sinjae Hyun	Approved
		Seconded: Susan Miller	

**EDU – Susie Morrissey** 

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EDEL	Course Change	Mar17->EDU->EDEL_course  Propose a course title change to better align with Tift's conceptual framework, course content, and focus on school improvements by school leadership.	Approved
		Motioned: Kim Eccles Seconded: Tyler Wilkinson	
Ed.S. Acc Teacher	Program Change Credit Hour Course Change RAC	Mar17->EDU->EdS_Acc_Tea  Propose to delete the research course, EDUC 731 and increase the credit hours of EDUC 735 from 1CH to 3CH to provide a research-related convergence point for students who have taken a master's level research course and are beginning the Ed.S. Program. Candidates with a master's level research course will be required to enroll in EDUC 690 (Educational Research), which will be added to the program plan as an elective course. These changes result in a 1CH reduction program requirements. Should complete in four semesters.	Approved
		Motioned: Sinjae Hyun Seconded: Tyler Wilkinson	
Ed.S. in Teacher Leadership in Computer Science	New Program ATL One year program per grant	Mar17->EDU->EdS_Com_Sci  Propose to offer Ed.S. in Teacher Leadership in Computer Science online to awardees of an NSF Noyce Master Teacher Developing Computer Science Master Teachers for Georgia Rural Schools grant, if the grant is funded. The program is central to the grant, as the grant prospectus is to create master teachers. We have centered the grant and teacher leadership program on computer science (CS), for two reasons: CS is a strong need for rural schools, and this grant follows an NSF Capacity Building grant that was awarded in 2020 and used to create the CS endorsement. Existing courses will be used, with modifications to the program to allow the CS endorsement (approved to begin in the 2021-2022 AY) to be included. The program, to be offered only once, will be jointly coordinated by the Mercer faculty members identified as PI or co-PI on the project proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation. 30 Credit Hour - Online	Approved

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EDEL	Delivery	Currently have Blended delivery and propose to add Online as	
		a delivery mode option for the M.Ed. in Higher Educational	
		Leadership.	
		Motioned: Colleen Stapleton	
		Seconded: Tyler Wilkinson	
Ph.D.	Program	Mar17->EDU->PhD_Ind_Sch	Approved
EDEL	Course	Propose to add a P-12 Independent School Leadership Track	
Independent	Change	to the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. Add 3 new EDEL	
1	ATL	<u> </u>	
School track		courses.	
Ph.D.	Program	Mar17->EDU->PhD_Teir_II	Approved
EDEL	Cr Hour	Propose to add a third program track, the PhD P-12 Tier II	
Teir II track	Change	Certification that will enable students to complete a PhD with	
Ten ii track	ATL	*	
		a Tier 2 certification. This change allows students with this	
		PhD to be principals or superintendents in the state of Georgia.	
		This requires an additional 2 courses (6 hours) of Performance-	
		based Clinical Practice Internship.	
		Current CH: 63 - Proposed CH: 69 (for Tier II cert)	
		Motioned: Susan Miller	
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		Seconded: Rich Kosowski	

EGR - Sinjar Hyun/Donald Ekong

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
ECE	Course Change	Mar17->EGR->ECE_Course	Approved
	MAC	Propose to add 2 New Courses:	
		ECE 474 Secure Hardware and Cyber-Physical Systems (3CH)	
		ECE 574 Secure Hardware and Cyber-Physical Systems (3CH)	
		Revise:	
		ECE 429 (title, description)	
		ECE 529 (title, description)	
		Motioned: Jeremy Bennett	
		Seconded: Colleen Stapleton	
M.S.	Program Change	Mar17->EGR->MS_Cyber	Approved
Cybersecurity	Tracks	Propose to alter the M.S. in Cybersequeity by (1) restructuring	
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		courses; and adding a new course. All will have same	
		foundation classes.	
		Add:	
		CYS 574 Secure Hardware and Cyber-Physical Systems (3CH)	
		CYS 591 Special Topics (1-6CH)	
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		Recruiting faculty to teach and propose to begin Fall 2022.	
		Motioned: Caroline Brackette	
		Seconded: Tyler Wilkinson	
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### MED - K. Meeks

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
MED	Course Change	Mar17-> MED->MED_course	Approved
		New(1) MED Wel (1CH)	
		Motioned: Caroline Brackett	
		Seconded: Loleta Sartin	

#### MUS – Rich Kosowski

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
MUS	Course Change	Mar17-> MUS->MUS_CM_course	Approved
CM		D (2)	
		Revise (3) course titles	
		MUS 632	
		MUS 652	
		MUS 653	
		Motioned: Sinjae Hyun	
		Seconded: Loleta Sartin	
MUS	Course Change	Mar17-> MUS->MUS_P_course	Approved
P		5 1 (1)	
		Revise(1)	
		MUS 638 (freq)	
		Motioned: Sinjae Hyun	
		Seconded: Susan Miller	

## Other Business - Keith Howard

 Graduate and Professional Studies Masthead Regarding language for FT financial aid eligibility

Adopted at last meeting. Presented list of programs and set standard of 9 credit hours for full time during fall & spring semesters. The list of exceptions for 6 credit hours for full time did not include Marriage and Family Therapy. MFP should have been included to the list of exceptions-6 credit hours. Howard is bringing this addition to graduate council today.

Motioned: Richard Kosowski Seconded: Loleta Sartin

Approved

## • Criteria for Academic Master's Programs

The characteristics typically found in Master of Arts and Master of Science degrees were shared via document in the last graduate council meeting. Howard asked group to review document and provide feedback for suggestions. Discussion followed. These are general guidelines to define categories, not degrees.

Motioned: Colleen Stapleton Seconded: Susan miller

Approved

# Adjournment 4:00 PM