

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
2:00 PM, 17 March 2022

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Welcome and Attendance:

Business:	Jeremy Bennett, Vijaya Subrahmanyam, Julie Petherbridge	Libraries:	Kim Eccles
Education:	Susie Morrissey, Loleta Sartin, Margie Jones, Jean Walker, Tracey Wofford, Jeffrey Keese, Jeff Hall, Lucy Bush, Carol Isaac	International Programs:	Felix Jelen
Engineering:	Sinjae Hyun, Donald Ekong	Program Configuration Team:	Paul McCord
Health Professions:	Nannette Turner, Caroline Brackette	Institutional Effectiveness:	Danielle Buehrer, Susan Malone, Kelly McMichael
Law:		Institutional Research:	Sarah May
Medicine:	Brad Lian, Kim Meeks, Stephanie Beavers, Christy Bridges	Registrar:	Alba Rodriguez, Sarah McCommon, Lashunda Walker, Diana Hill
Music:	Richard Kosowski	Bursar:	Jessica Ellison
Nursing:	Tammy Barbee, Omolara Fyle-Thorpe, Humberto Reinoso	Financial Planning:	Emmilee Mitchell, Maria Hammett
Pharmacy:	Susan Miller, Candace Barnett, Phil Bowen, Renee Hayslett	Distance Learning:	Susan Codone
Professional Advancement:	Tyler Wilkinson, John Carroll, Colleen Stapleton	Provost Office:	Keith Howard, Lisa Snow
Theology:	Rob Nash		

Approval of Minutes

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 ATL	Mar17-> BUS->MAcc 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	Approved
M.Acc. MBA	Program Change Admissions ATL RAC	Mar17-> BUS->MAcc_MBA Propose to adopt a Test Optional methodology for admissions. 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	Approved
M.Acc. M.B.A. M.S.BA. M.S.I.B	Program Change ATL RAC	Mar17-> BUS->MAcc_MBA_MSBA_MSIB Add career and professional academies as a program requirement for all master’s level students. The academies will 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	Approved

COP – J. Philip Bowen/Renee Hayslett

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
PHA	Course Change ATL	Mar17->COP->PHA_Course 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	Approved

CPV – Tyler Wilkinson

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
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 Seconded: Susan Miller	Approved

EDU – Susie Morrissey

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
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. Motioned: Kim Eccles Seconded: Tyler Wilkinson	Approved
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. Motioned: Sinjae Hyun Seconded: Tyler Wilkinson	Approved
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

		<p>Motioned: Colleen Stapleton Seconded: Sinjae Hyun</p>	
EMAT	Course Change RAC	<p>Mar17->EDU->EMAT_course</p> <p>Propose to add a sequencing recommendation for EMAT 614 and EMAT 621.</p> <p>Motioned: Nanentte Turner Seconded: Sinjae Hyun</p>	Approved
TL Endorsement	New Program ATL	<p>Mar17->EDU->Endorsement_Tea_Lead</p> <p>Propose the Teacher Leader (TL) Endorsement program which will address the standards defined by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC). An individual with the TL Endorsement is considered to be teaching in-field and prepared to provide direct instruction to students in grades P-12. Successful completion of the three-course sequence will lead to eligibility for a TL Endorsement. Embedded in the teacher leadership program with no increase in hourly requirements. 9 Credit Hours – Blended Delivery</p> <p>Motioned: Sinjae Hyun Seconded: Donald Ekong</p>	Approved
MAT Elem, Sec, P-12	Program Change Site Change MAC RAC	<p>Mar17->EDU->MAT_Ele_Sec_P12</p> <p>Propose to offer MAT Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, and P-12 Education programs through the Douglas, Henry and Macon regional academic centers. These programs are currently offered through Atlanta (Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, and P-12) and Henry RAC (Elementary only).</p>	Approved
MAT Secondary, P-12	Program Termination MAC RAC	<p>Mar17->EDU->MAT_Sec_P12</p> <p>Propose to phase out the 5th Year MAT program (Secondary and P-12 Education). The program will be replaced at the Macon site by the Secondary and P-12 Education program versions that are currently offered through the Atlanta site (and are proposed to be added to the Henry site, too). There are currently no students in the program, thus a teach-out is not necessary. Delete 5 EMAT courses.</p> <p>Motioned: Kim Eccles Seconded: Tyler Wilkinson</p>	
M.Ed. EDEL	Program Change Concentrations Course Change	<p>Mar17->EDU->MEd_Ed_Lead_Conc</p> <p>Propose to create three concentrations (Postsecondary Administration, Student Affairs Leadership, and Athletic Leadership) and two new Athletics Leadership courses for the M.Ed. in Higher Education Leadership. The concentrations will be achieved with new elective courses. Currently, students take nine core courses and have a choice between two electives for the tenth. Upon approval, students would choose a concentration, take six core courses and four electives. Students will have the flexibility to choose their 4th concentration course from another track, or if sufficient interest exists, a Special Topics course will be offered.</p>	Approved

M.Ed. EDEL	Program Change Delivery	Mar17->EDU->MEd_Ed_Lead_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. EDEL Independent School track	Program Course Change ATL	Mar17->EDU->PhD_Ind_Sch Propose to add a P-12 Independent School Leadership Track to the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. Add 3 new EDEL courses.	Approved
Ph.D. EDEL Teir II track	Program Cr Hour Change ATL	Mar17->EDU->PhD_Teir_II Propose to add a third program track, the PhD P-12 Tier II Certification that will enable students to complete a PhD with 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 Seconded: Rich Kosowski	Approved

EGR – Sinjar Hyun/Donald Ekong

Program	Type Change	Notes	Action
ECE	Course Change MAC	Mar17->EGR->ECE_Course 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	Approved
M.S. Cybersecurity	Program Change Tracks Course Change	Mar17->EGR->MS_Cyber Propose to alter the M.S. in Cybersecurity by (1) restructuring from four tracks to three; (2) Adding three special topics 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) CYS 592 Special Topics (1-6CH) CYS 593 Special Topics (1-6CH) Recruiting faculty to teach and propose to begin Fall 2022. Motioned: Caroline Brackette Seconded: Tyler Wilkinson	Approved

MED – K. Meeks

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

MUS – Rich Kosowski

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

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