

**UNA GRADUATE COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF July 7, 2015  
AT 3:30 P.M., IN THE GUILLOT UNIVERSITY CENTER LOFT.**

UNA Graduate met on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in the Raburn Conference room. The following members were present: Dr. Paulette Alexander, Dr. Lynn Aquadro, Brad Barnes, Dr. Doug Barrett, Dr. Carolyn Barske, Ms. Jill Chambers, Ms. Hillary Coats, Mr. Zach Crowell, Dr. Melvin Davis, Mr. Wesley Gahagan (in for Dr. Daniel Hallock), Dr. Kelly Latchaw, Dr. Chris Maynard (in for Dr. Carmen Burkhalter), Ms. Toysan Reed, Dr. Craig Robertson, Ms. Shea Thomas, Dr. John Thornell, and Dr. Leah Whitten. Dr. Wendy Darby, Chairperson, presided. Guests were: Ms. Betty Phillips and Dr. Greg Pitts.

**AGENDA**

Request to amend the agenda to add a graduate application to the College of Business, Dr. Nien-Chi Liu.

Dr. Alexander moved for approval and Ms. Chambers seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Graduate Council on April 16, 2015.

Dr. Barske moved for approval and Dr. Whitten seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the Graduate Faculty Applications from:

**College of Arts and Sciences**

**Dr. Lisa Blankinship**, Department of Biology

**Dr. Mohamad Elmasry**, Department of Communications,

**Ms. Stephanie Montgomery**, (*does not hold terminal degree*), Department of Communications,

**Dr. Katie Owens-Murphy**, Department of English

**College of Business**

**Dr. David Dickerson**, , Department of Management and Marketing,

**Ms. Janyce B. Fadden**, (*does not hold terminal degree, but holds special expertise*) Department of Economics and Finance,

**Dr. Gareth Stephen “Steve” Taylor**, Department of Management and Marketing

**College of Education and Human Sciences**

**Dr. Lauren Killen**, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation,

**Dr. Jessica S. Mitchell**, Department of Secondary Education

All Graduate Applications were approved unanimously.

Informational item by the College of Arts and Sciences that the faculty from the area of political science, currently housed in Department of History and Political Science, join with the faculty from the Department of Criminal Justice to create a new department entitled the Department of Politics, Justice and Law. Subsequently, the College requests that the Department of History and Political Science be changed to the Department of History all to be effective August 1, 2015.

Informational item by the College of Arts and Sciences that the existing unit of Professional, Interdisciplinary, and Continuing Education will be restructured to become the academic Department of Interdisciplinary and Professional Studies (the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies and Master of

Professional Studies degree programs will move from University College to this new department; however, no changes will be made to any of these degree programs). The division of continuing Education will remain a separate unit.

Informational item by the College of Arts and Sciences that the area of Theatre will move from the Department of Music and Theatre to the Department of Entertainment Industry (the option in Theatre will move from the B.A. or B.S. Degree with a Major in Communication Arts to the B.A. or B.S. Degree in Entertainment Industry, and the minor in theatre will move to the Department of Entertainment Industry; however, no changes will be made to this option or minor). The Department of Music and Theatre will be renamed the Department of Music.

Information item from Interdisciplinary Studies: the Graduate Catalog currently uses the abbreviation MPS for the Master of Professional Sties. The abbreviation should be M.Pr.S. as this was assigned by ACHE when the degree program was approved and is used on the ACHE Program Inventory.

Consideration of the request from the Department of Economics and Finance for a new course: FI 593; for revisions in the MBA Finance Concentration; and for changes in course prerequisites for FI 631 and FI 635.

Dr. Alexander moved for approval and Ms. Chambers seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consideration of the request from the Department of Sociology to limit the number of course hours taken by non-majors and require departmental approval for courses selected in the Master of Science in Family Studies.

The needs of students enrolled in Interdisciplinary studies were discussed and it was decided that Dr. Paulk and Dr. Robertson should meet to clarify the wording regarding allowing students to take more than 6 credit hours with approval from the department. The proposal was approved with minor editorial changes which will be made by Dr. Paulk and Dr. Robertson. Dr. Barske moved for approval and Dr. Whitten seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, with condition of rewording of the statement.

Consideration of the request from the Department of Communications for a proposed new course; COM 575.

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

Consideration of request from the Department of Professional and Interdisciplinary Studies for a change in admission to major.

Dr. Barske moved for approval and Ms. Chambers seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made to dismiss, Dr. Barske moved for approval and Dr. Aquadro seconded. The meeting ended at 3:45.

*Wendy Darby*

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Dr. Wendy Darby, chairperson