

Alcorn State University

GRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held Tuesday, August 17, 2021

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Graduate Council was held via Zoom on Tuesday, August 17, 2021
Dr. Keith McGee, Associate Provost for Research, Innovation and Graduate Education presided.

ATTENDANCE

Name	P/A	Name	P/A	Name	P/A
Dr. Jeremiah Billa	P	Dr. Melissa Mason	P	Dr. Blanche Sanders	P
Dr. Lacey Blessitt	P	Dr. Keith McGee	P	Dr. Tracee Smith	P
Dr. Edmund Buckner	P	Dr. Renardo Murray	P	Dr. Johnny Thomas	P
Dr. Malinda Butler	P	Dr. Victor Njiti	P	Dr. Benedict Udemgba	P
Dr. Sean Daniels	P	Dr. Anne-Marie Obilade	P	Dr. Dexter Wakefield	P
Dr. Linda Godley	P	Dr. Babu Patlolla	P	Dr. Ping Zhang	P
Dr. Dickson Idusuyi	P	Dr. Marta Piva	P		
Dr. Shirley Evers-Manly	P	Dr. Charles Richardson	P		

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Keith McGee called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. He welcomed all council members to the 2021-2022 academic and extended well wishes for a productive and successful academic year. New members were introduced to the Council.

Recorders: Ms. Julia Odom and Mrs. April Stampley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Graduate Council reviewed the November 10, 2020 minutes with the following amendments: delete Dr. Spring and Dr. Fairchild from the attendance roster. Godley moved to approve, Butler seconded, and the motion passed.

GRADUATE SCHOOL'S REPORT

Curriculum and Programs

Revisit Waiver of GRE/GMAT/MAT Test Requirements

Dr. McGee reminded the council of the temporary waiver of the GRE/GMAT/MAT requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic still active. We might want to revisit this waiver for the next academic year to determine if we want to continue it or reinstate the test requirement as part of the admission criteria for programs. A 10% increase in graduate enrollment spiked resulting from the waiver in place. Dr. Butler shared the updated from the Mississippi Department of Education regarding waiver of MAT test requirements. The waiver will expire December 31, 2021.

Admission Formulas

Waiver of test requirements for admission required academic units to use alternative ways to evaluate candidates. Each academic unit should submit the revised admission formula to Dr. McGee for review.

Thesis/Research Project/Capstone Reviews and Expectations

Committee chairs are expected to take ownership of the oversight of content and format in reviewing and approving theses, non-thesis, and capstone projects at the committee level. The graduate office will not assume this responsibility as part of the review and approval process. Papers should be submitted in adherence to APA 6th ed guidance and the Thesis Manual.

GRADUATE FACULTY

Listed below are names of applicants who applied for graduate faculty membership and were approved by the Graduate Council on August 17, 2021:

School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences

Biotechnology

Dr. Melissa Mason..... Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member

Murray moved approval; Njiti seconded.

School of Arts and Sciences

English, Languages, and Mass Communication

Dr. Chiquita Apollos..... Instructor, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Heather Bailey Assistant Professor, New Appointment, ASU Associate Member

Dr. Logan Wiedenfeld Assistant Professor, New Appointment, ASU Associate Member

Murray moved approval; Patlolla seconded.

Mathematics and Computer Science

Dr. Thir Raj Dangal Assistant Professor, New Appointment, ASU Associate Member

Dr. Sardar Anisul Haque..... Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member

Dr. Qingwen Hu..... Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member

Dr. Ramesh Maddali Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member

Murray moved approval; Udemgba seconded; no discussion; motion passed unanimously.

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School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences

Dr. Dexter Wakefield... Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Programs, New Appointment, ASU Full Member

Agriculture

Dr. Keerthi Mandyam Associate Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member

Dr. Yan Meng Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member

Dr. Victor Njiti..... Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member

Dr. Girish Kumar Sukumara Panicker Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member

Advanced Technologies

Dr. Maxwell Ankrah Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Mr. Michael Atkins..... Instructor, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Masoud Momen Beitollahi Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Mr. John Jones Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

School of Arts and Sciences

Biology

Dr. Elena Kostyleva..... Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member

Fine Arts

Dr. Alona T. Alexander Assistant Professor, New Appointment, ASU Associate Member

Dr. Sean Daniels Associate Professor, New Appointment, ASU Full Member

Dr. Byron G. Johnson Associate Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member

School of Business

Dr. Charles Richardson....Professor and Dean of the School of Business, New Appointment, ASU Full Member

Mr. Neal Armstrong.....Adjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Justin BatehAdjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Mrs. Elena Kabanova.....Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Geoffrey VanderPal Adjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Tim WilsonAdjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

School of Education and Psychology

Education and Psychology

Dr. Melissa BryantAdjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Cenovia BurnesAdjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Katherine Clark.....Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Janice Hopkins.....Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Sarai JohnsonAdjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Willie C. Johnson.....Adjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. LaJuanda JonesAdjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Annie KilcreaseAdjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Barbara Martin.....Adjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Ms. Natisha Moore.....Adjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. PerCynthia D. NewsomeAdjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Candra Nelson-Scott.....Adjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Mitchell ShearsAdjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Zaducka Thomas.....Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Dr. Dewayne Middleton.....Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Ms. Emily WolletAdjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

School of Nursing

Dr. Brenda CollinsAdjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Carmen Rhymes.....Adjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Archie Taylor.....Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Micah Brooke Thompson Associate Professor, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Ms. Hazel Washington.....Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Dr. Daneeka Woods.....Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

(11 in favor of the names for graduate faculty membership placed on the eBallot)

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Piva shared the Department of Biological Sciences wants to change the non-thesis curriculum. This item was tabled and Dr. Piva was advised to submit a proposal to the Graduate School to present to the council at its next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

No unfinished business discussed from previous agenda.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Graduate Council serves as the policymaking and advisory body to the Graduate Dean/Director/Associate Provost in the consideration of all program, curriculum matters, and degree regulations and procedures at the graduate level.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 2021