

# Alcorn State University

## GRADUATE COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Graduate Council Meeting Held Tuesday, November 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Graduate Council was held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 12:15 p.m. Dr. Keith McGee, Associate Provost for Research, Innovation, and Graduate Education, presided.

Present: Dr. Jermiah Billa, Dr. Lacey Blessitt, Dr. Edward Buck, Dr. Edmund Buckner, Dr. Malinda Butler, Dr. Rebecca Fairchild, Dr. Linda Godley, Dr. LaToya Hart, Dr. Dickson Idusuyi, Dr. Yolanda Jones, Dr. Melissa Mason, Dr. Shirley Evers-Manly, Dr. Keith McGee, Dr. Anne-Marie Obilade, Dr. Babu Patlolla, Dr. Victor Njiti, Dr. Blanche Sanders, Dr. Tracee Smith, Dr. Debra Spring, Dr. Johnny Thomas, Dr. Benedict Udemgba, Dr. Donna Williams, Dr. Voletta Williams, Dr. Ping Zhang

*Absent:* Dr. Victor Njiti (Dr. Chinquan Zhang, Acting Chair)

*Alternate Reps:* None attending

Call to Order: Dr. McGee called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. The Agenda was approved as printed before proceeding with the meeting.

*Recorders:* Ms. Julia Odom and Ms. April Stampley

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the virtual voting on July 22, 2020 for virtual approval of the GRE/GMAT Waiver were approved.

Dr. Donna Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2020 virtual voting on the GRE/GMAT Resolution. The motion was seconded by Dr. Linda Godley

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. McGee welcomed all members participating in the Zoom meeting.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

The Graduate Council approved the Agenda as printed.

#### **Report from the Associate Provost for Research, Innovation, and Graduate Education**

Dr. Keith McGee gave an overview that changes are underway for Graduate Education at Alcorn and academic units will be apprised of the way we will do business in some areas. He apprised the council that they will be engaged in future meetings to inform them of these changes and recruitment strategies. Graduate Studies will manage a segment of the HBCU Grant for Establishing Scholarships and Financial Assistance for the STEM academic units included in the grant. More information is forthcoming to share with academic units. Dr. McGee announced two Graduate Council meetings will be scheduled each semester. A calendar of spring 2021 council meetings will be drafted and shared with members.

## **MAT Waiver of Test Scores**

Dr. Malinda Butler gave an overview of the decision by the Mississippi Department of Education to waive test scores for admission to the Alternate Route (Master of Arts in Teaching) program due to COVID-19. The Department of Education and Psychology adopted this waiver to implement at Alcorn State University.

## **AMENDMENT**

An applicant for licensure who completed a nontraditional (alternate route) teacher preparation program, who was unconditionally admitted to a nontraditional (alternate route) teacher preparation program under the State Board of Education's COVID-19 program admission test rule suspension on or before December 31, 2021, will not be subject to meeting the testing requirement as established in Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2 and/or State Board of Education for the issuance of the Three-Year Alternate Route Nonrenewable Internship License or the Five-Year Standard Mississippi Educator License, provided a complete application for licensure is received in the MOE Division of Educator Licensure on or before July 31, 2022.

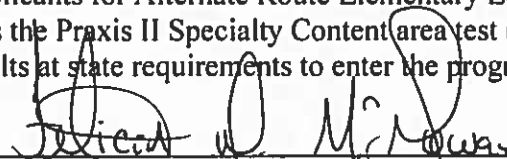
- All Students admitted to the Master of Arts in Teaching Program must have a 2.75 GPA or above in the content coursework or the B. S. Degree of the licensure area sought.

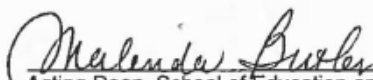
Due to the impact of COVID 19 on the policy regarding admission to the Master of Arts in Teaching Program both Elementary and Secondary through Graduate Studies in Effective, the requirement of a twenty-one (21) on the ACT or passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators is recommend to be suspended for all candidates seeking admission to non-traditional (alternate route) educator preparation programs on or before December 31, 2021.

### **Testing Waiver Requirements:**

- Candidates for the alternate route program for teacher licensure (MAT) may be admitted with at least a bachelor's degree in the area of licensure sought:
- at least a bachelor's degree in any area with 18 hours of undergraduate/graduate coursework with a grade of "C" or higher in the area of licensure sought; or
- at least a bachelor's degree in any area and a passing score on the Specialty test on the appropriate Subject Area Assessment in area of licensure sought.

**Applicants for Alternate Route Elementary Education (MAT Elementary Education) will have to pass the Praxis II Specialty Content area test (5018) and the Foundation of Reading Test (229) with results at state requirements to enter the program.**

  
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Department Curriculum Committee Chair

  
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Acting Dean, School of Education and Psychology

Dr. Malinda Butler made a motion to accept the Alternate Route Waiver for Master of Arts in Teaching as amended by the Mississippi Department of Education. The motion was seconded by Dr. Yolanda Jones.

### **Graduate Faculty**

Listed below are the names of faculty approved for membership with noted amendments approved by the Graduate Council.

#### **School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences**

School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences

1. Dr. Edmund R. Buckner, Professor, Current ASU Full Member until 10/31/2022

Advanced Technologies

2. Dr. Rejoice A. Addae, Associate Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member
3. Dr. Maxwell Ankrah, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
4. Dr. Jermiah K. Billa, Associate Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member
5. Dr. Carrie Ford Campbell, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Agriculture

6. Dr. Barry Bequette, Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member
7. Dr. Avis Joseph, Associate Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member
8. Dr. Leonard C. Kibet, Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member
9. Dr. Cassandra Vaughn, Assistant Professor, Reappointment, Associate Member

#### **School of Arts and Sciences**

Biological Sciences

10. Mr. Leroy Johnson, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Chemistry and Physics

11. Dr. Yolanda Jones, Associate Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member

English, Languages, and Mass Communication.

12. Dr. Eric U. Dogini, Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member
13. Dr. Anne-Marie R. Obilade, Associate Professor, New Appointment, ASU Full Member
14. Attorney Toni Terrett, Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Fine Arts

15. Dr. David Miller, Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member
16. Dr. Jessie Primer, Adjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

Social Sciences

17. Dr. Stephen Hall, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
18. Dr. Vitalis Ibeanacho, Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member
19. Dr. Alaba Oludare, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

#### **School of Business**

20. Mrs. Marcharie Chambliss, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
21. Dr. Tamia Herndon, Adjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

- 22. Mrs. Sharon Igwebuike, Adjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
- 23. Mrs. Elena Kabanova, Adjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
- 24. Dr. Benedict Udemgba, Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member
- 25. Dr. Tim Wilson, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
- 26. Dr. Gregory Winter, Associate Professor, New Appointment, ASU Associate Member

### **School of Education and Psychology**

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- 27. Dr. Malinda Butler, Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member

#### Education and Psychology

- 28. Dr. Edward Buck, Adjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
- 29. Dr. LaShundia Carson, Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member
- 30. Dr. Katherine Clark, Adjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
- 31. Dr. LaToya Hart, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
- 32. Dr. Janice Moore Hopkins, Adjunct, New Appointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
- 33. Dr. Felicia McGowan, Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member
- 34. Dr. April O. Miley, Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member
- 35. Dr. Maxine Moorehead, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
- 36. Dr. Helen Wyatt, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

#### Health, Physical Education and Recreation

- 37. Mr. David Kelly Brooks, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
- 38. Attorney Brummett, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
- 39. Dr. Jason Cable, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
- 40. Dr. Dongwook Cho, Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member
- 41. Dr. Dewayne Middleton, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
- 42. Dr. Tiese Roxbury, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate
- 43. Dr. Johnny D. Thomas, Associate Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member
- 44. Mrs. Elizabeth Emily Wollett, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

### **School of Nursing**

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- 45. Dr. Shirley Evers-Manly, Professor, New Appointment, ASU Full Member

#### Graduate Nursing

- 46. Dr. Carolyn Dollar, Associate Professor, Reappointment, ASU Full Member
- 47. Dr. Chester Cory Smith, Assistant Professor, Reappointment, ASU Associate Member
- 48. Mrs. Hazel Washington, Adjunct, Reappointment, ASU Professional Affiliate

It was moved by Dr. Edmund Buckner to accept the recommendations for graduate faculty with the necessary amendments. The motion was seconded by Dr. Malinda Butler.

### **Curriculum and Programs**

Dr. McGee gave an overview of general upcoming agenda items for discussion at next meeting. Deans and coordinators were informed to review current programs with low enrollment to determine ones that need to be deleted/suspended and new programs to add that would boost enrollment. Dr. LaToya Hart,

Director of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment, reminded the council that we must follow the curriculum process at the University for suspending and adding programs. She made a request to be included on all future conversations regarding curriculum compliance.

#### **New Business**

**APA Manual 7<sup>th</sup> Edition** - Graduate Studies is transitioning to the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of the APA Manual. Dr. McGee shared a committee will be formed to determine the format and content to work for each program in the revised style manual to guide theses, non-thesis, and capstone projects. A final decision will be made by Dr. McGee with input from the committee.

**Research** – All academic units were asked to ratchet-up research expectations in their graduate curriculums. Each unit will integrate research in all programs. Some focus should be addressed to fund some students in our grants for research.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.