

Graduate Council Meeting  
November 13, 2013

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Dr. Donzell Lee. Other members in attendance were Dr. Cindy Scurria, Dr. Vivek Bhargava, Dr. Akash Dania, Dr. Ivan Banks, Dr. Blanch Sanders, Dr. M.S. Zaman, Dr. Babu P. Patlolla, Dr. Hertense Williams (for Dr. Malinda Butler), Dr. Jonny D. Thomas.

**School of Business – Executive MBA:** Dr. Akash Dania presented a Proposal for the Executive MBA (E-MBA) Program with concentration in Hospitality and Gaming Management. The School of Business is requesting to re-establish this program beginning January 2014. The Program details and brochure were shared with the Graduate council jointly by Dr. Akash Dania and Dr. Vivek Bhargava. E-MBA will be a 30 credit hour Graduate Program and will be part of the Graduate Business Programs, School of Business, administered jointly by the School’s Vicksburg campus (administering technical and operational support) and the Natchez campus (administering academic support). Overall, the program will be administered by the Office of Graduate Studies, Alcorn State University. The E-MBA Program will be delivered completely online, delivered in two, eight-week modules, during the University’s Spring, Summer, and Fall semesters on a continuous rolling basis throughout the year. At least four courses will be offered during each semester (two courses in each of the eight week module). The program and its courses which were developed after a comprehensive feasibility study conducted during Summer 2013. The E-MBA Program will have significant synergies with the School of Business’s existing Master of Business Administration Program. The E-MBA Program will have 6 core courses, which will focus on developing student’s Discipline knowledge. The core courses will be primarily developed and taught by existing MBA faculty. In addition student may elect their concentration either in Gaming Management or Hospitality Management by taking 4 elective courses in each of the respective areas. These electives will prepare them with the required Professional knowledge. Area concentration electives will be developed and taught by experts and professionals who are academically qualified. Alcorn’s E-MBA Program will primarily target executive currently working in Gaming and Hospitality industry and prepare them with much needed skills necessary to take mid-level to upper-level leadership position in their respective industry. Students who demonstrate practical academic equivalent experience by means of a comprehensive course examination or by means of a submission of a course credit portfolio may apply for course credits for up to three courses (nine credit hours). In such a condition, student will be required to demonstrate competency in the student learning outcomes in each course for which credit is requested. In addition, students who demonstrate relevant three year industry work experience may apply for waiver to take the GRE or the GMAT examination which is an admission requirement. The Graduate council members voted to approve the Executive MBA Program with concentration Hospitality and Gaming as presented.

**School of Nursing – New Graduate Faculty:** Dr. Robin Christian submitted a graduate faculty application for graduate faculty membership for the School of Nursing. The council voted to approve the following applicant for graduate faculty membership.

<u>Graduate Faculty</u>	<u>Status</u>
LaWanda W. Baskin, MSN, RNFA, FNP-C	ASU Associate Member

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.