

# SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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## Graduate Council Minutes

April 17, 2014

Indian Room-University Center, 8:30 a.m.

**Members:** Present: McAllister, presiding; Althaus, Bawaneh, Brune, Grueneberg, Gunn, Heischmidt, Kilburn, McFerron, Odegard-Koester, Roberts, Starrett, Walling, Wang. **Visitors:** McMillan, Wiles, Welk, Pennington, Pollina.

- A. Dr. McAllister called the meeting to order and asked for the approval of the minutes from March 27, 2014 (motion to approve by Roberts/Brune). Minutes were then approved by the Council.
- B. Reports:
  - a. GR 603 – this course is provided as training for incoming teaching assistants. Dr. McAllister shared with the council the Graduate School would be monitoring content and compliance for any departments that opt out of requiring GR 603 for their teaching assistants.
- C. Action Items:
  1. Dean:
    - a. Haims/Heischmidt moved to expand accelerated degree credit from a maximum of 6 hours to a maximum of 12 hours. McFerron, McAllister, and Grueneberg explained the distinction between the Dual Enrollment and Accelerated Degree admission categories.
    - b. Heischmidt/Haims moved to revise the admission criteria for international students to waive the TOEFL for students who meet the department criteria for regular admission, including a standardized test score.
    - c. Heischmidt/Brune moved to include hours taken at Southeast Missouri State University as part of the 3.0 GPA required for graduation.
  2. Master of Arts in Elementary Education and the Master of Arts in Exceptional Child Education – revision of core research requirement.
    - a. EL 615 – Research in Action – Course Revision (motion to approve by Heischmidt/Gathman)
    - b. EL 685/EL 686 Literacy Lessons Designed for Individuals I/II – Course Addition(s) (motion to approve by Gathman/Heischmidt)
  3. Healthcare Management Graduate Programs
    - a. Gathman/Heischmidt moved to approve MS in Healthcare Management, Graduate certificates in Healthcare Management, and all new or revised supporting courses. There was discussion of instructional load, delivery method, faculty line(s), and implementation timeline.
  4. Master of Arts in Psychology (online)
    - a. Roberts/ Odegard-Koester moved to approve MA in Industrial-Organizational Psychology.
- D. Confirmation: GR698/699 will become optional with 2014-15 Graduate Bulletin; a course-embedded or summative requirement is necessary.

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. McAllister.

The next Graduate Council meeting will be held Thursday, September 18, 2014.