**Graduate Council
Minutes of December 15, 2020**

Dr. Boyd called the Zoom meeting to order. In attendance were: Basil Englis, Paula Englis, Michelle Haney, Sherre Harrington, Joyce Heames, Alan Hughes, Nancy Mercer, Carolyn Stufft, Monica Willingham.

Minutes from November 17, 2020 were *approved by voice vote*.

**Old Business**

Charter School

Dr. Baines presented the following for second reading:

* Proposal: Change the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree.

Discussion: Dean Boyd asked for updates from the last meeting regarding questions that were raised. Dean Hughes checked on the SACSCOC concerns and reported a program that has been vacant for a period of five years or longer must submit a prospectus before enrolling students again. Also, a substantive change form must also be submitted for the reduction in degree hours for this proposal. Dr. Haney shared a concern regarding the cross-listing of the courses as UG and G given the UG sections are already near capacity. A motion was made to table this proposal as submitted with the suggestion that it be brought back when both elementary, middle school and secondary areas are combined into one document which will be submitted to SACSCOC and the GAPSC.

The proposal was *tabled with the suggestion that it be brought back when both elementary, middle school and secondary areas are combined into one document*. *Approved by voice vote.*

Campbell School

Dean Heames presented the following for second reading:

* Proposal: CHANGE BUS685 Strategies of World-Class Organizations. Remove FIN 601 as PR. Add CR FIN601.
* Proposal: CHANGE catalog language as submitted.

Both proposals were *approved by voice vote*.

Joint MBA/Graduate EDU proposals:

* Proposal: add a summer early-walking in policy for graduate-level graduation ceremonies.
	+ Given discussions from the first reading, Ms Mercer withdrew the proposal of no early walking for graduate students. Students could appeal to the Deans’ Council. Ms Willingham concurred with withdrawal of the proposal.
* Proposal: Parking fee change for graduate students.
	+ Ms. Mercer and Ms. Willingham met with Brad Reeder and Kim Melton. Mr. Reeder stated there was no financial decision made to begin charging graduate students the $110 undergraduate parking fee. Mr. Reeder indicated the issue lies with the report being pulled by Campus Police and will work with them and IT to resolve.

Next meeting scheduled for January 19th but with no anticipated new business, it is cancelled.

Chair: Mary Boyd Secretary: Nancy Mercer and Monica Willingham