

MINUTES  
Graduate Studies Committee  
December 1, 2021

Present: Professors DeSimone, Kennelly, Mazza, McElligott, Samuel and Seiger; Student Representatives Echevarria and Soto

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.
- 2) The committee approved the minutes from the meeting on November 3, 2021.
- 3) The committee discussed and approved proposals from the following departments and decided to send them to the senate for final approval:

Department of Health Sciences

- Change in admission requirements:
  - M.S.Ed., Health Education

Department of Music, Multimedia, Theatre and Dance

- Change in admission requirements:
  - MAT, Applied Music and Music Teaching

Department of Counseling, Leadership, Literacy and Special Education

- Change in admission requirements:
  - Literacy Studies, M.S.Ed.; Teaching Literacy (Birth-6th Grade)
  - Literacy Studies, M.S.Ed.; Teaching Literacy (5th-12th Grade)
  - Dual Certification, Literacy Birth-Grade 6 and Special Education Grades 1- 6, M.S.Ed.
  - M.S.Ed., Early Childhood Special Education
  - M.S.Ed., Childhood Special Education
  - M.S.Ed., Students with Disabilities Grade 7-12 Generalist
  - Dual Certification, Early Childhood Special Education and Early Childhood Education
  - M.S.Ed. Dual Certification, Childhood Special Education and Childhood Education
  - M.S.Ed. Certification, Bilingual Early Childhood Special Education
  - M.S.Ed. Certification in Bilingual Childhood Special Education
  - Dual Certification, Bilingual Early Childhood Special Education and Bilingual Early Childhood Education
  - M.S.Ed. Dual Certification, Bilingual Childhood Special Education and Bilingual Childhood Education
  - M.S.Ed., Educational Leadership - School Building Leader

Department of Early Childhood and Childhood Education

- Change in admission requirements:


- M.S.Ed., Early Childhood Graduate Programs
- M.S.Ed., Childhood Graduate Programs

Department of Middle and High School Education

- Change in admission requirements:
    - English Education, M.S.Ed.
    - Alt Cert: English Education 7-12-Trans B
    - Mathematics Education, Middle Childhood Education (5-9) or Adolescent Education (7-12) M.S.Ed. Program
    - Alt Cert: Mathematics Education 7-12-Trans B
    - Science Education M.S.Ed. Program
    - Alt Cert: Science Education-Trans B
    - Social Studies Education M.A. Program
    - Social Studies Education M.A. Program
    - Alt Cert: Social Studies Education 7-12 -- Trans B
    - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages M.S.Ed. Program
    - Alt Cert: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages—Trans B
    - Teaching Spanish 7-12 M.A.
    - Alt Cert: Spanish Education (Trans B)
- 4) One of the student representatives emphasized that she thought programs should carefully consider adding another testing assessment to ensure that applicants have the knowledge base and understanding to succeed in the programs.
  - 5) Another committee member shared that many studies have documented that GREs are bias. He continued to explain that it is the responsibility of the admission committees to assess, through multiple measures (interviews, transcripts, etc.) whether a student is ready to pursue a program.
  - 6) The committee bid farewell and good luck to Prof. Mazza as he prepares to go on Travia. He has been a valued member of graduate studies for over six years and will be missed!

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet R. DeSimone, Chair