The University of Alabama in Huntsville **Graduate Council Meeting Minutes**

Friday / March 11, 2022 2:00 p.m. in SSB 313

Members Present: Michael Anderson, COE* er, Registrar* ehead, CoED COB (on sabbatical) llingsworth, CON (proxy: Lenora Smith) i, COB (proxy: Kevin Bao)

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lakkila to approve the graduate council meeting agenda. Vote to

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 11, 2022

Motion was made by Dr. Baun to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2022. Motion was seconded by Dr. Smith. Motion carried.

4. Announcements

- a. Dinner with the Graduate Dean February 8 update
- b. Graduate Poster Session March 7 update
- c. Graduate Student Association Interest Meeting March 9 update

5. Curricular Items

- a. College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences
 - i. Status of recent e-vote on new courses for Ph.D. in Applied Experimental Psychology

Dr. Hakkila reported that all criteria approved; program to begin Fall 2022.

b. Admissions Criteria

i. ECE admission requirement changes

Dr. Hakkila reported that ECE would like to drop the GRE requirement and asked Dr. Morris to speak to this. Dr. Morris acknowledged that other institutions have made this change and have seen success within their programs. Dr. Morris also noted that this would be something the department would monitor and, if they notice a negative change, steps would then be taken to correct.

Dr. Hakkila then spoke to when the change would need to take place; due to the catalog release date, it needs to be planned a year in advance in order for changes to enter the next catalog and take effect the following year. This change will need to be submitted by April 6th. I

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8. JUMP – SACSCOC Standard 9.2

Dr. Hakkila discussed the following SACSCOC Standard 9.2 language:

"The institution offers one or more degree programs based on at least 60 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the associate level; at least 120 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the baccalaureate level; or at least 30 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the post-baccalaureate, graduate, or professional level. The institution provides an explanation of equivalencies when using units other than semester credit hours. The institution provides an appropriate justification for all degree programs and combined degree programs that include fewer than the required number of semester credit hours or its equivalent unit."

SACSCOC expects joint programs for bachelor and master

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11. 10-Year Rule

Dr. Hakkila discussed the 10-year rule/time of completion. Dr. Hakkila opened the floor to discuss the idea that students need 10 years to complete a degree. Dr. Delugach stated that any policy that discourages part-time students will hurt the enrollment of their masters' programs. When students take one course per semester, it can take up to five and one-half years to complete a degree. Dr. Delugach suggested that the PhD committee should address whether the work from the student remains relevant.

Dr. Hakkila discussed whether the problem is with the rule or with he eag(e)7.6 (e)7.6 b(bl)-2.h(w)-5.Ad(hat)5.9 (