



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Academic Affairs Committee

June 22, 2018

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:39 a.m. by Governor Dunaskiss in the Room BC at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center. Secretary Miller called the roll. A quorum was present.

**Committee Members Present:** Governors Dunaskiss, Kelly, Trent, Nicholson, and O'Brien; Brad Roth, Faculty Representative, and Linda Beale, substitute Faculty Alternate Representative; Ryan Laith, Student Representative and Mignon Lott, Student Alternate Representative

**Committee Members Absent:** Krista Brumley, Faculty Alternate Representative

**Also Present:** Governors Busuito, Gaffney, and Thompson; President Wilson; Provost Whitfield; Vice Presidents Burns, Decatur, Hefner, Lanier, Lessem, Lindsey, Staebler, and Wright; Secretary Miller

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, May 4, 2018**

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Trent and supported by Governor Nicholson, the Minutes of the March 23, 2018 meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee were approved as submitted. The motion carried.

**CHANGE IN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICY STUDIES**

Governor Dunaskiss suggested that the committee first consider the change in requirements in Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy and then review the three recommendations for program discontinuance together and as one action item.

Provost Whitfield advised that the change in requirements for the Doctor of Education program has been proposed to bring it in line with best practice in the field for the total number of credits for the degree, changing it from the current 90 credits down to 75. The intent is to provide flexibility to progress through the program, while modeling best practice for total number of credits required for such a degree. No questions were posed from committee members on this recommendation.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Professor Roth and supported by Mr. Laith, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors change the principal requirements for the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies with a reduction from a minimum of 90 credit hours to 75 credit hours, effective fall term 2018. The motion carried.

#### **DISCONTINUANCE OF BRIDGE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

#### **DISCONTINUANCE OF THE BRIDGE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ONLINE TEACHING**

#### **DISCONTINUANCE OF THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK THEORY AND PRACTICE**

Governor Dunaskiss moved to the remaining three action items on the agenda, and indicated the committee would take them in one block, with discussion on each. She asked Provost Whitfield if there was any additional information beyond the written recommendation that he wanted to share with the committee members.

Provost Whitfield commended the College of Education for reviewing its degree programs, and advised that the review found that for these three programs, there is either no one enrolled, or only one person enrolled. These three programs can be discontinued without an impact on the offerings that are provided by the college. Governor Gaffney asked whether the skills currently taught through these certificates are accessible through other courses. Professor Tim Spannaus, who directs the Certificate in College and University Teaching area for the College of Education, indicated that the graduate certificate programs in these areas continue, it is only the Bridge certificates that have been recommended for discontinuance. These are stand-alone programs with almost no students.

Governor Dunaskiss asked for a motion to cover the remaining three recommended actions.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Nicholson and supported by Governor Kelly, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Governors discontinue the Bridge Graduate Certificate in Educational Technology and the Bridge Graduate Certificate in Online Teaching in the College of Education, and the Discontinuance of the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Social Work Theory and Practice in the School of Social Work. The motion on these three recommendations carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie H. Miller  
Secretary to the Board of Governors