GRADUATE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE DENA KNIESS, CHAIR MEETING AGENDA for DATE/Time: – **NOVEMBER 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM via Zoom**

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I) Call to Order

II) Charge to Committee per Faculty Senate President for 2021-22

- Work closely with the Graduate Advisory Council and consult regularly with the Graduate School Dean review curriculum proposals, but also be proactive in policy development
- Recommend a policy on standardizing the credentials required for faculty to be designated as graduate faculty
- Ensure faculty initiative in the creation and/or termination of graduate programs
- Examine the relocation of GRAs from individual departments to the Graduate School

III) Program and Course Proposals

A) College of Education (COE)

- i) Department of Literacy and Special Education
 - (a) <u>Teacher Education, M.A.T., Concentrations in Special Education: Adapted Curriculum,</u> <u>General Curriculum</u>

REQUEST: Revise Program

Rationale: We are removing SPED 7732 Collaboration and Inclusion in Programs for Students with Severe Disabilities from the Adapted Curriculum concentration and replacing it with SPED 7722 Collaboration in Special Education. Students in the MAT Special Education Program Adaptive and General Track Concentrations can both take SPED 7722 Collaboration in Special Education and meet the learning objectives and standards required for collaboration. Allowing both tracks to take SPED 7722 alleviates any issues of a course not meeting enrollment numbers to justify the course.

B) Richards College of Business (RCOB)

- i) Department of Accounting and Finance
 - (a) Master of Professional Accounting, MPAcc and Master of Business Administration, MBA

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RATIONALE: **Course requirements -** The combined MPAcc/MBA degrees require successful completion of 45 graduate course hours. Students without an undergraduate accounting degree must complete 15 additional upper-division undergraduate accounting hours. Students without an undergraduate business degree must also fulfill a five-business course core requirement, which may be taken in a face-to-face classroom setting or as self-study modules. We are removing two 5000 level cross-listed elective courses and adding one 6000 level graduate elective course. The restructuring of the elective courses into one bucket will simplify the advising process and will make the program requirements easier to understand.

IV)New Business

- A) GPC Chair for 2022-23 Academic Year
- B) Graduate Faculty Policy Status Workgroup Update

V) Old Business

- A) GA Guidelines for Assistantships within Academic Affairs update
- B) Spring 2022 Meetings