GRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes of the Meeting of February 9, 2016 3:30 p.m., The Loft of the Guillot University Center

The Graduate Council met on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. in The Loft of the Guillot University Center. Dr. Wendy Darby, Vice Chairperson, presided. The following members were present: Dr. Paulette Alexander, Dr. Lynn Aquadro, Dr. Carolyn Barske, Dr. Joy Borah, Ms. Pamela Boren, Dr. Chris Maynard for Dr. Carmen Burkhalter, Dr. Greg Carnes, Mr. Zach Crowell, Dr. Melvin Davis, Dr. Beth Sewell for Dr. Donna Lefort, Dr. Sandra Loew, Ms. Cassie Morgan, Dr. Amber Paulk, Dr. Linda Austin for Dr. Vicki Pierce, Ms. Celia Reynolds, Dr. Craig Robertson. Attending as a guest was Ms. Hillary Coats.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2015, January 12, 2016

Dr. Paulk moved approval and Dr. Barske seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report from the Graduate Advisory Council

Dr. Maynard reported that the GAC will have its first meeting of the semester on March 8, at which time a call will be made for all colleges to look at wording in the Graduate Catalog to standardize it as much as possible. This was an information item that required no action from the Council.

Consideration of Graduate Faculty Application for Dr. Barry Cumbie

Dr. Alexander moved approval and Dr. Aquadro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Replacement of Nursing Student Representative due to Graduation in December 2015 (CON recommends that Neysa Brown replace Capricha Thomas)

Dr. Loew moved approval and Dr. Aquadro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Request from the Office of Educator Preparation to modify GPA requirements for Alternative A program admissions, entrance into internship, and program completion as follows: admission GPA to increase from 2.5 to 2.75, GPA to enter internship to increase from 3.0 to 3.25, and GPA to complete and certify to increase from 3.0 to 3.25, all on a 4.0 scale and in accordance with ALSDE regulations

Dr. Loew moved approval and Dr. Robertson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.