

**TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Graduate Council**

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**Agenda for the Meeting of September 17, 2019**

**Agenda Item 1:** New member introductions

**Agenda Item 2:** Minutes of the July 15, 2019 meeting.

**Agenda Item 3:** Consent curriculum items

| Department            | Program/Course | Change Request   | Item No. | Effective Term |
|-----------------------|----------------|--|----------|----------------|
| Biological Sciences   | BIOL 5361      | Updating pre-requisite courses   | C361     | Fall 2020      |
| Biological Sciences   | BIOL 5331      | Prerequisite BIOL 3403 no longer exists. Changed to the updated genetics course code. Catalog Editor requested that we list graduate course pre-requisites as topics as opposed to our course numbering. | C251     | Fall 2020      |
| School of Kinesiology | KINE 5088      | Updating prerequisite from KINE 5301 to KINE 5303 since 5301 is no longer being taught.  | C1203    | Fall 2020      |
| Mathematics           | MATH 5376      | Modifying course title and course description to clarify the content of the course and to meet SACSCOC credentialing requirements for our program graduates.   | C1558    | Fall 2020      |
| Fine Arts             | MUSI 5351      | Updating to remove educator preparation designation  | C3777    | Fall 2020      |

**Agenda Item 4:** Department of Animal Science and Vet. Tech.

| Department                             | Program/Course | Change Request  | Item No. | Effective Term |
|--|----------------|---|----------|----------------|
| Animal Science & Veterinary Technology | ANSC 5328      | This course has been offered as a Special Problems course with the undergraduate ANSC 4308. Making it an official course for graduate students so it can be applied to graduate degree plans. | C3879    | Fall 2020      |

**Agenda Item 5:** Department of Communication Studies

| Department            | Program/Course   | Change Request  | Item No. | Effective Term |
|-----------------------|--|---|----------|----------------|
| Communication Studies | ORCO-CER - ORCO-CER: Certificate in Organizational Communication | Because Small Group Communication and Organizational Communication Theory rotate each summer students have to delay their graduation to receive the certificate. This change allows for earning the certificate in a timely manner. | P188     | Fall 2020      |

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| Communication Studies | COMS-MA - COMS-MA: Master of Arts in Communication Studies | To update the curriculum to reduce the number of course substitutions and increase flexibility. There has also been a new course proposed (COMM 5313 Social Media Analytics) which was previously part of the program requirements as a Special Topics course. This will clear up that confusion for prospective and enrolled students. Changes were made to remove the confusion of the "approved statistics course" requirement.   | P146  | Fall 2020 |
| Communication Studies | COMM 5313  | This course is to extend understanding of how data is being used to track social media impressions and other usage metrics. Traditional statistics courses are focused on statistical tests and techniques that differ from the metrics used to assess social media performance and effectiveness. It is essential in today's communication environment to provide students with a contemporary understanding of how to use social media analytics to evaluate social media campaigns. | C3928 | Fall 2020 |

**Agenda Item 6: Discussion Items**

1. Reminder to review Graduate Faculty Listing online: Updates to Brandon
2. Graduate Program Handbooks reminder