

Minutes **TO POST**

DEANS COUNCIL

Wednesday, December 18th - 3:00 p.m.
President's Conference Room - Blackwell

- PRESENT: John Omachonu (Chair), Marie Nicholson, Rick Cary, Joanna Pierce, Donna Parsons, Scott Pearson, Cathy Adkins, Bev Robertson, Marc Mullinax, Amanda Knapp and Deborah Shelton (recorder).
- Approval of Minutes - *Approved*

 - Guests- Susan Stigall and Tom Destino
 - Proposed New Graduate Program- MAT
 1. Discussed need for this program.
 2. State has high demand for teachers now.
 3. Program includes hybrid and online options.
 4. Designed for students currently with a bachelor's degree in one of the following areas: Biology, History, English, Math or closely related area who are seeking teaching licensure.

 - Guest- Sue Fair
 - Theatre Arts Curriculum Re-design
 1. Removed musicianship courses.
 2. Added Methods of Choreography course.
 3. Will continue conversations with the music faculty.
 4. Great deal of work and thought in this re-design.

 - Marc Mullinax
 - Change to minimum 120 from 128 hours for Graduation
 1. Discussion in different committee meetings.
 2. Need to fast track this implementation for the next catalog 2020-2021.
 3. Will reduce some electives, not major courses.
 4. Current students would be grandfathered.
 5. Marc will go back to Plans and Policies committee and ask for process to get this going forward in January and will report electronically to Academic Deans Council before next meeting in January.
 6. Faculty needs to drive this process.

 - Dean's Updates
 1. Voted to approve and move forward to Curriculum committee:
Theatre Arts Proposed Changes
 2. Several members of Deans Council expressed concerns regarding the proposed Mat degree. Donna Parsons noted a list of concerns to take back to Susan and Tom Destino to address.
List of concerns includes: cohort number, sustainability, overlap of undergraduate and graduate courses, length of time to complete and state licensure and accreditation credential for community colleges and faculty loads.
 3. We are now approved to participate in SARA-NC and application for NC-SARA is contingent on remittance of the annual fee.

Adjourn – Next meeting for Academic Dean's Council is Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 3:00 in the PCR.