

# ACADEMIC COUNCIL Minutes August 12, 2025

**Present:** Leslie Griffin, Peter Dean, Joe Childs, Vicki Bingham, Fawn Ussery, Merideth Van Namen, Kristen Land, Tammy Prather, Jeffrey Leffler, Heather Miller

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

**Call to order:** The Academic Council held specially called meeting on August 12, 2025, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
<b>Approval of Agenda:</b>	Dr. Griffin presented an agenda to include approval of a curriculum action on a higher education concentration in the M.Ed. in Educational Administration and Supervision and to approve a final date for fall 2025 admissions. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Joe Childs which was seconded by Kristen Land. All were in favor.		
<b>Approval of Minutes:</b>	N/A		
<b>Discussion Items</b>			

<b>Provost's Updates</b>	NONE		

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Action Items: New Business Policies and Forms			
New Business	<p><b><u>Curriculum Action: New Higher Education Concentration within the Master of Education in Educational Administration and Supervision</u></b></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Dr. Jeffrey Leffler presented a curriculum action along with red-lined edits to the catalog to convert and underutilized Independent School concentration to create a Higher Education concentration to serve community college partners across the state. This is in response to feedback Drs. Ennis and Coleman received on a recent visit to Mississippi Delta Community College.</p> <p><b>Action Requested</b> Approve the curriculum revision to create the new concentration in Higher Education.</p> <p><b>A motion was made by Dr. Jeffrey Leffler to approve the actions and was seconded by Dr. Vicki Bingham. All in Favor</b></p>		Jeffrey Leffler
	<p><b><u>Action: Approve Last Date to Register for the Fall 2025 Term</u></b></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Dr. Leslie Griffin presented a proposal from Dr. Curtis Coleman to set the last date to accept admissions without Dean or Academic Affairs approval on August 20, 2025.</p> <p><b>Action Requested</b> Approve the August 20, 2025 as the deadline for admission without special permission for the Fall 2025 term. <b>All in favor.</b></p>		Leslie Griffin
Announcements:	NONE		

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<b>Adjourned:</b>	11:59 p.m.		
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	June 30, 2025, at 8:30 am in the President's Conference Room		