

**Graduate Council
Mississippi State University**

Number: 2

Date: September 22, 2006

Present: J. Boyle, R. Burrell, T. Chamblee, F. Coleman, L. Cossman, S. Cottrell (for P. Bonfanti), L. Crittenden (for M. Binkley), C. Forde, J. Gilbert, T. Hosie, K. Lee, S. Nobles, P. Rabideau, F. Sparks, B. Spencer, P. Sullivan, R. Taylor, J. To, M. Thomas (for C. Matherne), D. Wise

Absent: J. Ainsworth, L. Barrow, D. Jackson, D. Reynolds, W. Person, C. Scanes, S. Willard, R. Shivaji, N. Younan

Guests: Dr. Bill Kibler, Ms. June Schmidt

1. Dr. Barbara Spencer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in 611 Allen Hall.
2. Dr. Spencer briefly introduced the guests present.
3. Dr. Spencer asked for any revisions to the minutes (August 25, 2006).

Motion was made by Dr. Ronald Taylor and seconded by Dr. John Boyle to accept the minutes.

Minutes were approved.

4. Report from the University Committee on Courses and Curricula (UCCC)
 - a) Dr. Timothy Chamblee gave the following report:
 1. UCCC was approached by Dr. Mark Binkley, Director of Division of Academic Outreach and Continuing Education (AOCE), to take a look at the programs and degrees offered through Continuing Education and Distance Learning, going back about a year or two. Two programs had come to UCCC for approval (MS. in Broadcast Meteorology and MS in Engineering). The other programs were never approved through the formal approval process and then were just set up within AOCE.
 2. UCCC, in cooperation with Dr. Binkley, has identified all the programs and courses in AOCE and a process was set in motion to formally review and approve these programs and courses retroactively. This action will produce proper documentation and hopefully prevent any problems with the Distance Education programs and courses in the future. After a graduate program has passed the UCCC review, Graduate Council will review and approve the

