TO: Members of the Graduate Studies Curriculum Subcommittee
FROM: Carlotta Parr, Chair
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SUBJ: September 19, 2013, Meeting at 3:00 in the Student Center, Clock Tower

Members in Attendance: Carlotta Parr, Chair (Music); Eric Leonidas (English); Laura Jacobson (Special Education); Eleanor Thornton (Design); Wu, Shuju (Computer Electronics and Graphics Tech); Sean Walsh (Physical Education & Human Performance); Mark Jackson (Chair, Curriculum Committee); Glynis Fitzgerald, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies; Susan Seider, Chair of Graduate Studies Committee

MINUTES

I. Introductions
   A. Glynis Fitzgerald, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies
   B. Committee Members

II. Revised minutes of April 18, 2013: Approved

III. New Business
   A. The committee approved the course addition of RDG 581 from the Reading and Language Arts Department (Julia Kara-Soteriou, Representative). The committee did not approve the course addition of RDG 681. The course descriptions are as follows.

### Reading and Language Arts

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Suggestions:
- Meet with Dean Fitzgerald to consider revising the definition of a “bridge” course
- Revise the course description for RDG 681
2.1 **Bylaw Revisions**

The Graduate Committee discussed the following proposed revisions to the bylaws

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A. On April 15, 2013 the faculty senate approved a revision to the senate bylaws, which removes the 6-year term limit form several committees, including curriculum. The amended senate bylaws now read:

12.3. Committees listed in article 2.7.3 above, “Other Standing Committees of the Faculty,” may exempt themselves from the six consecutive year term limits described above, with the exception of the Academic Standards Committee Note: the curriculum committee is one of the committees listed in article 2.7.3

- Some members of the Graduate Committee expressed support to keep the six consecutive year term limit.

Proposed Amendment (*change is bold italics*)

1.1 One member and alternate elected for a two-year term by and from the membership of each academic department, the library, and the academic counselors. **Members of the curriculum committee shall be exempt from the faculty senate six consecutive year term limit.** All members will serve on at least one subcommittee. If an academic department fails to submit the names of the departmental representative and alternate by the end of the Spring semester, the department chair will be the interim representative.

- The Committee supports the exemption of a six consecutive year term limit for Graduate Studies
- Sue Seider will request an exemption from the Senate for Graduate Studies

### 3.1 Consent Agenda—Proposal

The full Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee will consider all items submitted for approval. If these items are approved without controversy, the list of such items would be called the "consent agenda." Any member of the full committee may remove any item from the "consent agenda" for any reason during the Graduate Studies Committee meeting, and the item so removed will be considered separately, as will all items approved by the Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee with controversy.

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IV. Next Meeting: 10/17/2013—PHILBRICK