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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Julio Frenk  
University President

**From:** Tomás A. Salerno  
Chair, Faculty Senate

**Date:** October 31, 2016

**Subject:** Faculty Senate Legislation #2016-16(B) – Modification to the Minimum Academic Performance Standard for the Sport Administration Online Degree Program, Master of Science in Education, Department of Kinesiology and Sport Sciences, School of Education and Human Development

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The Faculty Senate, at its October 26, 2016 meeting, voted unanimously to approve the proposal to modify the minimum academic performance standard for the Sport Administration online degree program, Master of Science in Education, Department of Kinesiology and Sport Sciences, School of Education and Human Development. The modification will require Sport Administration students to obtain at least a “C” grade in KIN 601 as a pre-requisite before being allowed to take any additional UOnline MSEd – Sport Administration courses. If a student fails to obtain the required grade in KIN 601, they will be dropped from any remaining courses in the term and must retake KIN 601 in a future term.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.


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Enclosure

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Guillermo Prado, Dean, Graduate School  
Isaac Prilleltensky, Dean, School of Education and Human Development  
Arlette Perry, Chair, Department of Kinesiology and Sport Sciences  
Warren Whisenart, Associate Chair, School of Education and Human Development

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2016-16(B) – Modification to the Minimum Academic Performance Standard for the Sport Administration Online Degree Program, Master of Science in Education, Department of Kinesiology and Sport Sciences, School of Education and Human Development

**PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE**

APPROVED:  \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 11/29/16  
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Dean Isaac Prilleltensky

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY  
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: September 16, 2016

To: Tomas Salerno  
Chair, Faculty Senate

From: WA Whisenant   
Professor, Sport Administration Graduate Program

RE: Minimum Academic Performance Standard

The Sport Administration faculty are seeking support to implement a minimum academic performance standard, requiring students to earn a grade of C or better in their first online course (KIN601), in order to progress to their second class. The faculty feel this requirement will best position students to successfully complete the program and reduce the financial risks to students. The faculty approved the measure at its August 29<sup>th</sup> faculty meeting.

The first course in the online cohort schedule is KIN601, which is an introductory course. The course was designed to give the student a general overview of the business of sport. It also provides the opportunity for these students to reengage in the formal education process. At an average age of 33, for many their last educational experience may have been over 10 years.

#### Academic Performance

Of the current online students (N=164), 80% earned a B or better in the first course; 13% earned a C; 3% (n=5) earned a D or F; and 4% ended with an Incomplete.

Those students with a D or F in the first course will most likely be subject to dismissal due to poor academic performance with a cumulative GPA below 3.0.

The faculty have two major concerns:

- a) Under our current course delivery schedule, a student will take two seven-week courses in one semester before being placed on academic probation if warranted. As a result, the student may continue taking two additional classes the following semester. The likelihood of the student earning at least a B and two A's to reach a 3.0 GPA at the end of the second semester is remote. The faculty believe it would be in the student's best interest to be dismissed from the program after the first class.
- b) The second concern is the financial burden placed on the student who pays for 12 credits (est. \$1900 per credit) at an investment of over \$14,820 with a 35% discount, when dismissal will most likely to occur. Not only may the student incur a large amount of debt and not earn a degree, the student may eventually become ineligible for financial aid.

(see SAP requirements below)

The faculty seeks to implement this academic requirement for Spring 2017. The proposed language to be added to the online student handbook is:

**Prerequisite Requirements**

MSEd - Sport Administration students are required to obtain at least a 'C' grade in KIN 601 as a pre-requisite before being allowed to take any additional UOnline MSEd – Sport Administration courses. If a student fails to obtain the required grade in KIN 601, they will be dropped from any remaining courses in their term and must retake KIN 601 in a future term. Please contact Academic Advising for questions.

In order for the student to remain eligible for their Federal Financial Aid, they must complete at least 67% of their attempted coursework and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

[http://www.miami.edu/admission/index.php/ofas/graduate/graduate\\_satisfactory\\_academic\\_progress/](http://www.miami.edu/admission/index.php/ofas/graduate/graduate_satisfactory_academic_progress/)

**Federal Aid Academic Requirements**

Applies to all graduate and doctoral students receiving federal aid.

Credit Completion	Minimum Cumulative GPA based on Credit Hours Earned
1. Enroll at least half-time, which is defined as at least 5 credits for graduate students unless enrolled in a 700-level research course. 2. Effective Fall 2014, students must earn 67% of the total credit hours attempted during his/her overall academic career. Rounding does not apply. - Undergraduate and graduate credits cannot be combined to meet standard - Withdrawals, incompletes, audits, NG (no grade,) and Fs are attempted but not earned hours. - Transfer credits are counted in the calculation. 3. Degree must be completed within six years from the time of admission to master's program; within eight years combined master's/Ph.D. degrees.	3.0

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www.education.miami.edu**MEMORANDUM****DATE: September 14, 2016****TO: Faculty Senate Office****FROM: Dr. Arlette Perry, Chair** *a.p.*  
**Department of Kinesiology and Sport Sciences****SUBJECT: Minimum Academic Approval - UOnline MEd Sport Administration**

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This memo signifies approval of the faculty of the Kinesiology and Sport Sciences department of a minimum academic standard for the Sport Administration online program. Earning at least a C in KIN 601 be a pre-requisite for taking additional UOnline MEd Sport Administration courses. If a student fails to obtain the required grade in KIN 601, they will be dropped from any remaining courses in their term and must retake KIN 601 in a future term.

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September 13, 2016

MEMO

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: **Walter G. Secada**  
Senior Associate Dean

Digitally signed by Walter G. Secada  
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Date: 2016.09.13 14:12:23 -0400

RE: SEHD Graduate Curriculum Review of motion

The MSED program in Sports Administration submitted the following modification in its program for review by the SEHD graduate-curriculum committee:

**Prerequisite Requirements**

*MSEd - Sport Administration students are required to obtain at least a 'C' grade in KIN601 as a pre-requisite before being allowed to take any additional UOnline MSEd – Sport Administration courses. If a student fails to obtain the required grade in KIN 601, they will be dropped from any remaining courses in their term and must retake KIN 601 in a future term. Please contact Academic Advising for questions.*

The SEHD graduate-curriculum committee reviewed and recommended approval of this motion by a unanimous vote that was taken, electronically, on September 13, 2016.

xc: Isaac Prilleltensky, Dean  
Arlette Perry, Chair KIN  
Warren Whisenant, Director, MSED in SPAD  
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September 14, 2016

MEMO

TO: Faculty Senate  
FROM: Isaac Prilleltensky, Professor and Dean  
RE: SEHD School Council Review of motion

The MSED program in Sports Administration submitted the following modification in its program for review by the SEHD School Council:

**Prerequisite Requirements**

*MSEd - Sport Administration students are required to obtain at least a 'C' grade in KIN601 as a pre-requisite before being allowed to take any additional UOnline MSEd - Sport Administration courses. If a student fails to obtain the required grade in KIN 601, they will be dropped from any remaining courses in their term and must retake KIN 601 in a future term. Please contact Academic Advising for questions.*

The SEHD School Council reviewed and recommended approval of this motion by a unanimous vote at its meeting of September 12, 2016. In addition, the Council determined that this is a routine matter that does not require review and approval by the entire faculty of the SEHD.

I concur with the School Council's recommendation and finding.

xc: Arlette Perry, Chair KIN  
Warren Whisenant, Director, MSED in SPAD  
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 29, 2016

TO: Tomas Salerno  
Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM: Guillermo Prado   
Dean, The Graduate School

SUBJECT: Minimum Academic Performance Standard for the Sport Administration Online Program

The Department of Kinesiology and Sport Sciences submitted a proposal to modify the minimum academic performance standard for the Sport Administration online degree program. The proposal was discussed at the meeting of the Graduate Council on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, and the following was unanimously approved by those present.

***Prerequisite Requirements***

*MSEd – Sport Administration students are required to obtain at least a “C” grade in KIN 601 as a pre-requisite before being allowed to take any additional UOnline MSEd – Sport Administration courses. If a student fails to obtain the required grade in KIN 601, they will be dropped from any remaining courses in their term and must retake KIN 601 in a future term. Please contact Academic Advising for questions.*

cc: Isaac Prilleltensky, Dean, School of Education and Human Development  
Warren Whisenant, Associate Chair, School of Education and Human Development  
Office of Planning, Institutional Research and Assessment



**Whisenant, Warren A**

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**From:** Dominguez, Gisela  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 01, 2016 2:41 PM  
**To:** Whisenant, Warren A  
**Cc:** Faculty Senate Office; Prilleltensky, Isaac; Torres, Maria C; Murphy, Patty  
**Subject:** FW: RE: Memo - SEHD - Approval of minimum academic standards for Sport Admin online program  
**Attachments:** Memo - Faculty Senate approval of minimum academic performance standard for Sports Admin online program.pdf; GRADE of C in KIN601.docx

Dear Dr. Whisenant,

Please see the response from Dr. Murphy below. The proposed modification to the academic standards of the M.S.Ed. in Sport Administration will not need to be reported to the SACSCOC.

Feel free to contact our office should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Gisela



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**From:** Murphy, Patty  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2016 1:40 PM  
**To:** Dominguez, Gisela <[gdominguez@miami.edu](mailto:gdominguez@miami.edu)>  
**Subject:** FW: RE: Memo - Approval of minimum academic standards for Sport Admin online program

Dear Gisela,

I have reviewed the proposed modifications to the minimum academic performance requirement for the online MEd degree in Sports Administration and they are compliant with SACSCOC principles of accreditation. We are not required to notify or get approval from SACSCOC for this type of change, so no further action is required from our office.

Patty

Patty Murphy, Ph.D.

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**From:** Torres, Maria C

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2016 10:07 AM

**To:** Faculty Senate Office <[facsen@miami.edu](mailto:facsen@miami.edu)>

**Cc:** Murphy, Patty <[pattymurphy@miami.edu](mailto:pattymurphy@miami.edu)>; Dominguez, Gisela <[gdominguez@miami.edu](mailto:gdominguez@miami.edu)>; Prilleltensky, Isaac <[isaacp@miami.edu](mailto:isaacp@miami.edu)>; Whisenant, Warren A <[wwhisenant@miami.edu](mailto:wwhisenant@miami.edu)>

**Subject:** Memo - Approval of minimum academic standards for Sport Admin online program

Good morning:

Attached please find a memo addressed to the Chair of the Faculty Senate as well as supporting documentation regarding the approval of the minimum academic standards for the Sports Administration online program. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

**Maria Torres**

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