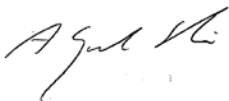**Senate Recommendation 2012-05-01**

Item II

Other than the four RSA courses, the staffing plan for each of the courses listed consists of "sufficient faculty exists" or similar terminology. As I have stressed before, at a time when faculty workload is of paramount concern to the Senate and to the Administration, we simply must be more specific about staffing needs for new course offerings. I request that the Graduate Council contact the proponents of these courses and obtain more specific staffing plan descriptions. Note that time is of the essence here – see the item immediately below.

Item VII, #1

The successful offering of this program will require many of the courses referred to in Item II. Therefore, I cannot approve this program until the issues related to staffing of these course offerings are addressed. Further, since this program will have to approved by the WKU Board of Regents, an implementation date of Summer 2012 is impracticable. I request that the implementation date be changed to Fall 2012 and that necessary staffing needs for the pertinent courses be adequately documented prior to submission to the Board. Note that the deadline for agenda items for the June 22 Academic Affairs Committee meeting is June 8.

Item VIII, ## 103 and 139

It appears that these program changes, as they relate to GSKyTeach students, reflect degree offerings that do not have a common core of at least 50% of degree requirements, as required by the Council on Post-Secondary Education. I request that these be submitted as new programs rather than revisions to existing ones.

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