**January 31, 2013**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Executive Committee

**From**: Marilyn Wilson, Chair

University Graduate Committee

**RE:** **Clinical Nurse Specialists**

MSC: MCS to approve first reading for the options for Clinical Nurse Specialists: (i) Adult-Gero Clinical Nurse Specialist and (ii) Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist and waive second reading (1/29/2013).

New Options in Nursing

1. Dr. Barakzai summarized the purpose of these two proposals: Proposal for New Option Adult-Gero Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Educator and Proposal for New Option Pediatrics Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Educator. These were developed in response to the American Nurses Credentialing Center change to offering ‘population focused’ exams. The Nursing Department therefore needed to offer population focused options to assure their students would be eligible for certification.
2. The proposed options will replace the current general option now offered and specialized certificates; the general option and certificates will be phased out.
3. Dr. Barakzai clarified length of program was 18 months if students completed the project or thesis in the third semester; otherwise the program would take two years.

MW:vb

CC: Cricket Barakzai, Chair of Nursing

Andrew Hoff, Dean, Social Sciences

William Covino, Provost