# AGENDA

## Item 1 Call to Order and Roll Call of Committee Members

Chair Egan will call the Committee to order and will call the Roll of Committee members.

## Item 2 Public Comment

Chair Egan will offer those in attendance the opportunity for public comment.

## Item 3 Consent Agenda

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**Proposed Action:** Approval; Motion and Second Required

## Item 4 New Program Proposal – Master of Arts in Teaching in Exceptional Students Education (ESE)

The development of a new degree program at UNF is governed by the New Degree / Major Programs ([2.0040P](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.unf.edu%2Fpresident%2Fpolicies_regulations%2F02-AcademicAffairs%2FGeneral%2F2_0040P.aspx&data=04%7C01%7Candrea.holcombe%40unf.edu%7C45493cf978e346b2456608d89d052a00%7Cdf29b2fa8929482f9dbb60ff4df224c4%7C1%7C0%7C637431992784681691%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=AWtgHllUmDoC603Yh2gtMxdwNyoHW3q%2ByIWZoIUplFg%3D&reserved=0)) policy which states that “each proposal for a new degree or major must demonstrate that the degree/major will fit within the mission of the institution, has sufficient need to justify the addition to the University's curriculum, and that resources are available to ensure the quality of the program.

In addition, the department presenting the proposal must demonstrate that the degree/major will follow acceptable professional standards for the discipline.”

## Item 4 New Program Proposal – Master of Arts in Teaching in Exceptional Students Education (ESE) *(continued)*

The College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) at the University of North Florida (UNF) is requesting to add a new Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree in Exceptional Student Education (CIP Code 13.1001).

According to the Florida Department of Education, ESE is a critical shortage area for the state in 2020-2021. The purpose of the proposed Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Exceptional Student Education is to prepare K-12 teachers in an Initial Teacher Preparation (ITP) program designed for individuals who possess a four-year degree from an accredited institution of higher education in a non-education field. The proposed program will address the needs of Exceptional Student Education teacher candidates to ensure they have the skills necessary to work with ALL students with disabilities in their classroom.

Interim Provost Patterson and Department Chair Pamela Williamson will present this item to the Committee.

**Proposed Action: Approval;** Motion and Second Required

## Item 5 Update from the Interim Provost

Dr. Karen Patterson, Interim Provost, and Dr. John Kantner, Interim Associate Provost and Associate VP for Research, will provide an update on UNF’s growing reputation as a research university. As an example of the robust research activity taking place, [Dr. Jody Nicholson](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwebapps.unf.edu%2Ffaculty%2Fbio%2FN00850048&data=04%7C01%7Candrea.holcombe%40unf.edu%7Ca39e4f78b159483edef808d8df1c5544%7Cdf29b2fa8929482f9dbb60ff4df224c4%7C1%7C0%7C637504660116451552%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=HNsoPcDuww7s8SIphB%2FHbLxhTm7KF%2F5HmVU6ysOIs1A%3D&reserved=0), Associate Professor of Psychology, will briefly describe her

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recent collaborative NIH grant investigating cognitive interventions to prevent Alzheimer’s disease. UNF’s share of this grant, $5 million, makes it the largest competitive research grant in the history of the university.

## Item 6 Adjournment