

## Student SM-60

January 27, 2017

TO: Dr. Katherine McCormick, Chair University Senate

FROM: Cleophus V. Price, Assistant Dean, Graduate Academic Services,  
The Graduate School

SUBJECT: Backdating Degree (December 2014)

1. This memorandum should serve as an official request to the Chair of the University Senate to rescind the MA degree in Anthropology awarded to [REDACTED] (stud ID— [REDACTED] during the August 2016 summer session (08/04/2016) and re issue MA degree to reflect the correct date the degree should be awarded, December 2014 semester.
2. Ms. [REDACTED] did satisfy the degree requirements via en passant (enroute to the doctoral degree by successfully completing the required qualifying examination), but due to an administrative error in academic services and the departure of the student affairs officer for that program, the degree was awarded later than it should have been. The error in the award date of the MA degree in Anthropology was not the fault of the student but can be attributed to the other officers providing support during the degree certification process when the permanent officer had departed as well as the manual method for processing en passant master degrees currently in place.
3. Due to the aforementioned administrative error, the Graduate School does not feel [REDACTED] [REDACTED] should be penalized in any way and should be awarded the MA in Anthropology during December 2014.