

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

November 15, 2018

1:00 PM

GRINTER HALL ROOM 110

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson (Chair), Dr. Karen Bjorndal, Dr. Kendal Broad-Wright, Dr. Warren Dixon, Dr. Bruce MacFadden, Dr. James McLeskey, Dr. Lori Pennington-Gray, Dr. Sihong Song

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jason Blackburn, Dr. David Bloom, Dr. Joyce Bono, Dr. Wendy Graham, Dr. Raymond Issa, Mr. Seth Assan (GSC representative), Mr. Glen Billesbach (GSC alternate)

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Suzie Burns (Office of the University Registrar), Dr. Brian Marchman (Distance and Continuing Education), Mr. Lee Morrison (Office of the University Registrar), Mr. Narasi Ramachandran (College of Medicine), Dr. Lawrence Tinker (Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Paul Duncan, Ms. Caroline Lentz, Dr. Judy Traveis, Ms. Patty Van Wert, Ms. Stacy Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Minutes from the October 18, 2018 Graduate Council meeting.** A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATES:

2. **Proposal from the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering for a modification to the name and description of the graduate certificate in Engineering Entrepreneurship (#12949).** Dr. Lawrence Tinker was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
3. **Proposal from the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering for a modification to the name, description, and requirements of the graduate certificate in Cell Engineering and Regenerative Medicine (#12939).** A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CONCENTRATIONS:

4. **Proposal from the College of Medicine for a modification to the curriculum of the concentration in Forensic Medicine for the Master of Science in Medical Sciences (#13139).** Mr. Narasi Ramachandran was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

5. **Graduate Programs – Online and Self-Funded (No new items).**

III. DISCUSSION:

- A Graduate Council member indicated that the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering has recently become distinct from the rest of the university in regard to how it handles tuition for graduate students and asked about the Graduate School's role in that decision process. Dr. Frierson clarified that the Graduate School has no role.
- A Graduate Council member inquired whether or not the Graduate School would make changes to the 2019 GSPA formula, and Dr. Frierson clarified there are no changes planned. Units can make changes themselves but those have to be approved by the Graduate School.

- Dr. Marchman noted that he receives many inquiries from access programs as to whether the GRE will continue to be required for residential and distance programs in all instances, and asked about a possible change that would allow academic units to decide for themselves whether or not to require GRE scores for master's students. Dr. Frierson indicated this issue would go before Graduate Council, first as a discussion and then as an action item. If approved, the change would be to provide academic units with flexibility to require (or not to require) GRE scores for admission to their Master's degree programs. Decisions would be made and applied at the program level. Many questions and concerns remain unresolved. If approved, this change in policy would probably be formalized in the coming academic year, but could not be fully implemented before the fall 2020 admission cycle.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.