

**MINUTES**  
**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
January 17, 2013  
**1:00 P.M.**

**264 GRINTER HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Michael Annable, Dr. Arthur Edison, Dr. Christopher Janelle, Dr. Carole Kimberlin, Dr. Heather McAuslane, Dr. Lisa McElwee-White, Dr. Joyce Stechmiller, Ms. Rhonda Williams (GSC)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Amir Erez, Dr. Mary Ann Ferguson, Dr. Ellen Martin, Dr. Panagote Pardalos

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mr. Rick Bryant (Admissions), Dr. John Capinera (Agricultural and Life Sciences), Ms. Mary Ann Hagler (Registrar), Dr. Chris Newsom (Distance Education), Dr. Mary Peoples-Sheps (Public Health and Health Professions), Mr. Scott Sager (Agricultural and Life Sciences), Dr. Catherine Striley (Public Health and Health Professions)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Dr. Emilia Hodge, Mr. Matt Mitterko

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 P.M.

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Minutes from the December 20, 2012 Graduate Council ballot. Motion:** approved unanimously.
- 2. Proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions for a certificate in Psychiatric Epidemiology.** Dr. Catherine Striley was present. She indicated that many of the people pursuing this certificate program will have professional degrees, which could include PharmD. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2013.
- 3. Proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions to request a waiver of the GRE requirement for students in UF professional programs who apply to a joint professional/MPH program.** Dean Frierson indicated that similar requests have been approved in the past, if the professional student had previously taken a standardized test for their professional program. Dr. Mary Peoples-Sheps indicated that joint program students are 12-15% of the current MPH student body. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: immediately.

4. **Proposal from the College of Engineering for a certificate in Scientific Computing.** Dr. S. Balachandar was unable to be present. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2013.
5. **Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for a certificate in Urban Pest Management.** Dr. John Capinera said that this certificate program is intended for people moving from practitioners to technical staff. Most large pest control companies have in-house education, so the target audience would be professionals in smaller companies. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2013.
6. **Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for a certificate in Landscape Pest Management.** Dr. John Capinera was present. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2013.
7. **Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for a new concentration in Natural Resource Policy and Administration.** Mr. Scott Sager was present. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2013.
8. **Form a nominating committee to create the ballot for new members to serve on the Graduate Council.** Dr. Frierson announced that 5 current members of Council will complete their terms this year. In keeping with past practice, he requested that these retiring members serve as the nominating committee for the slate of candidates for the 2 elected Graduate Council members. The retiring members are: Dr. Michael Annable, Dr. Arthur Edison, Dr. Lisa McElwee-White, Dr. Joyce Stechmiller, and the Graduate Student Council representative, Ms. Rhonda Williams. Additionally, Dean Frierson noted that Dr. Robert Westin retired from the University in December 2012; there are three more semesters remaining in his term of service. Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt will convene the committee soon.

## **II. INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 pm.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 21, 2013**