

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
November 21, 2013
1:00 P.M.

264 GRINTER HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Sid Dobrin, Dr. Mary Ann Ferguson, Dr. Christopher Janelle, Dr. Carole Kimberlin, Dr. Ellen Martin, Dr. Heather McAuslane, Dr. Panagote Pardalos, Dr. Cindy Prins, Ms. Courtney Reijo (GSC)
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Amir Erez, Dr. Ann Horgas, Dr. Dietmar Siemann, Dr. Pamela Soltis, Ms. Rhonda Williams (GSC)
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Mr. Rick Bryant (Admissions), Dr. Ricardo Camacho (Veterinary Medicine), Dr. Tom Dana (Education), Dr. Paul Gulig (Medicine), Ms. Mary Ann Hagler (Registrar), Dr. Kristin Larsen (Design, Construction & Planning)
- STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Dr. Paul Duncan, Ms. Gann Enholm, Mr. Robert Parker, Ms. Stacy Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 P.M.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the October 17, 2013 Graduate Council meeting.** Motion: approved unanimously.
2. **Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for a new, graduate-level interdisciplinary concentration in Climate Science offered through the School of Natural Resources and Environment.** Dr. Tom Frazer was not able to be present for discussion. Dr. Ellen Martin, member of Council, shared her background knowledge about the proposal. This initial request is only for Interdisciplinary Ecology majors. It is expected that after a period of time, other campus majors will be involved. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective Date Spring 2014.
3. **Proposal from the College of Design, Construction and Planning to change the name of Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning to Master of Urban and Regional Planning.** Dr. Kristin Larsen was present. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective Date Spring 2014.
4. **Proposal from the College of Education for a graduate certificate in Science, Mathematics, and Technology Teaching.** Dr. Tom Dana explained that the main audience is high school teachers, and possibly middle school teachers, but not elementary school teachers. The curriculum is set for each track, and the 2 core courses are collaborative. Participants must be certified in the teaching area. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective Date Spring 2014.
5. **Proposal from the College of Education to terminate the EdS degree in Higher Education Administration.** Dr. Tom Dana indicated that this proposal is for housekeeping purposes. No students are in the program. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective Date Spring 2014.

6. **Proposal from the College of Veterinary Medicine for a new concentration in Veterinary Forensic Sciences in the existing MS in Veterinary Medical Sciences.** Dr. Ricardo Camacho was present for discussion. This concentration is in a distance-delivered degree program. The thesis research will be done in close collaboration with the advisor. The Graduate School will contact the Forensic Toxicology program, also offered through the college, to get confirmation that there are no areas of overlap or other concerns about duplications. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective Date Spring 2014.
7. **Proposal from the College of Medicine for changes in courses shared by MD/PhD programs.** Dr. Paul Gulig explained that this proposal, for up to 24 shared credits, will really help these exceptional students who can finish the PhD in 3 years of intensive research. This is a one-way shared process: MD courses are shared by the PhD, but the nature of the MD curriculum does not allow PhD courses to be shared by the MD program. Normally, shared courses meet Graduate Council requirements of graduate level, graded B or better. However, because the entire medical school curriculum has moved to an S/U grading scheme, only “S” graded courses can be shared. This proposal addresses programs in the College of Medicine only. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective Date Spring 2014.
8. **Graduate School proposal for shared credits in MD/PhD programs.** Dr. R. Paul Duncan presented this proposal as a corollary to #7. This will allow other MD/PhD programs, where the PhD is not in the College of Medicine, to consider up to the same number of shared credits (24) as well as the transfer of appropriate “S” graded credits. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective Date Spring 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 19, 2013