

**MINUTES**  
**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
December 19, 2013  
**1:00 P.M.**

**264 GRINTER HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Sid Dobrin, Dr. Mary Ann Ferguson, Dr. Ann Horgas, Dr. Christopher Janelle, Dr. Carole Kimberlin, Dr. Heather McAuslane, Dr. Panagote Pardalos, Dr. Cindy Prins

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Amir Erez, Dr. Ellen Martin, Ms. Courtney Reijo (GSC), Dr. Dietmar Siemann, Dr. Pamela Soltis, Ms. Rhonda Williams (GSC)

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Dr. Richmond Brown (Liberal Arts and Sciences), Mr. Rick Bryant (Admissions), Mr. Dominique DeSantiago (Business Administration), Dr. Joseph Fantone (Medicine), Ms. Mary Ann Hagler (Registrar), Ms. Laura Johnson (Business Administration), Mr. Jamie Kraft (Business Administration), Dr. Brian Marchman (Distance and Continuing Education), Dr. Gary McGill (Business Administration), Ms. Ana Portocarrero (Business Administration), Dr. Czerne Reid (Medicine), Dr. Elaine Turner (Agricultural and Life Sciences), Dr. Asoo Vakharia (Business Administration), Mr. Mark Zakshevsky (Distance and Continuing Education)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Dr. Paul Duncan, Ms. Gann Enholm, Dr. Emilia Hodge, Mr. Robert Parker, Ms. Stacy Wallace

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

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Minutes from the November 21, 2013 Graduate Council meeting.** Motion: approved unanimously.

**2. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to terminate the graduate certificate in Women in Agricultural Development.** Dr. Elaine Turner presented. There are no students in the program, and no interested departments in the college that want to continue it. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2014.

**3. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for a change in credit hours in the graduate certificate in Teaching and Learning in Agricultural & Life Sciences from a 4 credit hour course to a 3 credit hour course.** Dr. Elaine Turner explained that the certificate was initially approved for 10 credits, but one of the courses has been changed from 4 credits to 3 credits. Therefore, the certificate can only be 9 credits. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2014.

**4. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to terminate the M.S. and Ph.D. in Botany.** Dr. Elaine Turner indicated that this proposal is to terminate only the MS and PhD majors of Botany in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. The MS major of Botany and PhD major of Botany will remain in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. There are currently no CALS students in these programs. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Summer B 2014, pending all other approvals.

**5. Proposal from the Fisher School of Accounting for changes to their Master of Accounting program.** Dr. Gary McGill and Mr. Dominique DeSantiago presented the proposal. The School and College curriculum

committees have been working with this curriculum change for 2 years. The program's last revision was in 2004. The main goals of the revision were to restore depth to the major now that more faculty have been recruited, redefine tracks so that students will be adequately prepared for their careers and enhance communication skills with more advanced communication courses. Most of the program's graduates go into public accounting practices, and earn the CPA certification. This program prepares them for the CPA examinations. About 80% of their undergraduates continue in the 3/2 program to earn their master's. The graduate program has about 120 students/year. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2014.

**6. Proposal from the Warrington College of Business Administration for a Master of Science in Entrepreneurship.** Mr. Jamie Kraft presented the proposal for this degree, which is essentially changing the nomenclature and CIP code from the existing Master of Science – major in Entrepreneurship to Master of Science in Entrepreneurship (MSE) with CIP code 52.0701. The MSE will be considered a specialty master's degree. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Summer B or Fall 2014, pending all other approvals (including BOT).

**7. Proposal from the Warrington College of Business Administration for a Master of Science in Information Systems and Operations Management.** Dr. Asoo Vakharia presented the proposal for this degree, which is essentially changing the nomenclature and CIP code from the existing Master of Science – major in Information Systems and Operations Management to Master of Science in Information Systems and Operations Management (MSISOM) with CIP code 11.0501. The MSISOM will be considered a specialty master's degree. The capstone course is the final culminating experience. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2014 pending all other approvals (including BOT).

**8. Proposal from the Warrington College of Business Administration for a Master of Arts in International Business.** Ms. Ana Portocarrero presented the proposal for this degree, which is essentially changing the nomenclature and CIP code from the existing Master of Arts – major in International Business to Master of International Business (MIB) with CIP code 52.1101. The MIB will be considered a specialty master's degree, and is the current nomenclature in the marketplace. The curriculum is changing from a thesis to a non-thesis degree, with a capstone course as the final culminating experience. Students in the Master of Arts, major in International Business program prepared a project-in-lieu-of-thesis, rather than a thesis, as the final culminating experience. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2014 pending all other approvals (including BOT).

**9. Proposal from the Center of Latin American Studies for changes in the Master of Arts in Latin American Studies.** Dr. Richmond Brown explained that this proposal is to add a non-thesis option, which will now include 24 credits as well as capstone project for a total of 30 hours. These changes are a result of external review and academic unit evaluation of 28 other national programs. Only 3 required a thesis. The job market is tough right now for these students, and many go on to law school, PhD programs, and governmental and non-governmental agencies. Most students finish in 2 years. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2014 pending approval of capstone course.

**10. Revised proposal from the Department of Psychiatry for a graduate certificate in Addiction and Recovery.** Dr. Czerne Reid updated Council with information obtained from the College of Education, pursuant to the previous Council request about the proposal presented in October 2013. The result of these conversations is this revised request to change the name of the graduate certificate to "Addiction and Recovery", excluding the word "counseling". In addition, she notified Council that all the pending curriculum items have now been approved by the Graduate Curriculum Committee. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2014**