

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL

February 20, 2014
1:00 P.M.

264 GRINTER HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Paul Duncan, Chair; Dr. Sid Dobrin, Dr. Ann Horgas,
Dr. Christopher Janelle, Dr. Heather McAuslane, Dr. Cindy Prins,
Ms. Courtney Reijo (GSC), Dr. Dietmar Siemann, Dr. Pamela Soltis,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Amir Erez, Dr. Mary Ann Ferguson, Dr. Carole Kimberlin, Dr. Ellen
Martin, Dr. Panagote Pardalos, Ms. Rhonda Williams (GSC)

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Mark Brown (College of Engineering), Mr. Rick Bryant
(Admissions), Dr. Anuj Chauhan (College of Engineering), Mr. Rajeeb
Das (Institutional Planning and Research), Ms. Mary Ann Hagler
(Registrar), Dr. Julie Levy (College of Veterinary Medicine),
Dr. Benjamin Lok (College of Engineering), Dr. Brian Marchman
(Distance and Continuing Education), Dr. Terry Spencer (College of
Veterinary Medicine), Mr. Mark Zafshevsky (Distance and Continuing
Education)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Dr. Rimjhim Banerjee, Ms. Gann
Enholm, Mr. Matt Mitterko, Mr. Robert Parker, Ms. Stacy Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. A revised agenda (attached to these minutes) was handed out. Items were discussed in the order reported in these minutes.

I. ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Minutes from the January 16, 2014 Graduate Council meeting.** Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date:
- 2. Proposal from the College of Veterinary Medicine for a new concentration in Shelter Medicine in the existing MS in Veterinary Medical Sciences.** Dr. Terry Spencer and Dr. Julie Levy indicated that this is an emerging area of interest in veterinary medicine. The college currently offers a 9 credit certificate. The concentration for the master's degree includes existing curricular items. Students will earn the certificate en route to the degree. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Summer 2014. No further approvals needed.
- 3. Proposal from the College of Engineering to terminate the Engineer degree in Chemical Engineering.** Dr. Anuj Chauhan indicated there have not been students in this program for at least 15 years. There is only one Engineer degree remaining in the college, in Industrial and Systems Engineering. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Summer 2014 pending all other approvals.
- 4. Proposal from the College of Engineering for changes to the MS Digital Arts and Science degree requirements.** Dr. Benjamin Lok explained that the focus of this degree is to allow students to combine the arts and technical skills. The changes are necessary because one of the required courses is no longer being offered. There are also the conceptual changes from

Simulation to Human-Computer Interaction, as well as from Esthetic Computing to Natural User Interface computing. The changes offer flexibility for the available faculty and a broader range of options for the students due to expected new faculty recruitment. All critical elements in the program remain intact. This is a small program, with 4 students, who will all transition to the new curriculum. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2014. No further approvals needed

- 5. Proposal from the College of Engineering for changes to the Environmental Policy and Management graduate certificate requirements.** Dr. Mark Brown indicated that the 15 credit certificate has been on the books for several years. The requirements need to be updated due to faculty changes, and the need for student flexibility. The curriculum used to have 4 required courses and 1 elective. The proposed changes are 3 required courses and 2 electives. This certificate is delivered totally online through UF EDGE. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Summer 2014. No further approvals needed.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Council elections: the nominating committee has met and is soliciting several nominees. Council members are encouraged to discuss with their friends and colleagues.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 20, 2014