

**MINUTES  
GRADUATE COUNCIL**

March 14, 2014  
1:00 P.M.

**264 GRINTER HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Amir Erez, Dr. Mary Ann Ferguson, Dr. Ann Horgas, Dr. Christopher Janelle, Dr. Ellen Martin, Dr. Heather McAuslane, Dr. Panagote Pardalos, Dr. Cindy Prins, Ms. Courtney Reijo (GSC), Dr. Dietmar Siemann,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Sid Dobrin, Dr. Carole Kimberlin, Dr. Pamela Soltis, Ms. Rhonda Williams (GSC)

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Dr. Roger Blair (College of Business Administration), Dr. Timothy Brophy (Office of Institutional Assessment), Mr. Rick Bryant (Admissions), Mr. Rajeeb Das (Office of Institutional Assessment), Ms. Mary Ann Hagler (Registrar), Dr. Angel Kwolek-Folland (Provost's Office), Dr. Beverly Sanders (College of Engineering), Dr. Mary Peoples-Sheps (College of Public Health and Health Professions), Dr. Steve Slutsky (College of Business Administration), Mr. Mark Zakshevsky (Distance and Continuing Education),

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Dr. Rimjhim Banerjee, Dr. Paul Duncan, Ms. Gann Enholm, Mr. Robert Parker,

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 P.M.

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Minutes from the February 20, 2014 Graduate Council meeting.** Motion: approved unanimously.
2. **Proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions for a DMD-MPH joint degree.** Dr. Mary Peoples-Sheps explained that the College of Dentistry has been interested in a joint degree for many years, prior to the MPH being an accredited program. The proposal is coming forward at this time due to the secured accreditation for the MPH, as well as Dentistry having funding for students. The proposal follows the existing template. Admissions requirements for each program are slightly different, based on the respective program focus. Both require standardized tests. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Summer 2014.
3. **Proposal from the College of Engineering for a new major MS in Computer Science.** Dr. Beverly Sanders opened the discussion with several slides, showing the current degrees offered in CISE, and the new proposed degrees. She explained that the 4 proposals (#3,#4, #5,#6 on this agenda) are inter-related. Students need to be in a degree program that makes educational sense, and has an accurate title. Members of council pointed out that these changes make very good sense, and have been needed for many years. This proposal is for a

new major of Computer Science for the master's degree in the College of Engineering. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2014

4. **Proposal from the College of Engineering for modification of the curriculum of the existing MS in Computer Engineering offered by CISE.** Dr. Sanders indicated that this proposal is to modify the existing master's degree in computer engineering. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2014.
5. **Proposal from the College of Engineering for a modification of the curriculum of the existing MS in Computer Science offered by CISE through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.** Dr. Beverly Sanders indicated that this proposal is to modify the master's degree in Computer Science offered through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. These changes are fully supported by CLAS, as evidenced by the submission and approval documentation in the approval.ufl.edu system. Engineering and CLAS will continue to work together on related new initiatives, such as "Big Data". Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2014.
6. **Proposal from the College of Engineering for a Ph.D. in Computer Science.** Dr. Beverly Sanders presented this proposal, which is a new degree for the college and the university. The new CIP code better reflects the content of the degree. The current PhD in Computer Engineering will remain in place, and a transition plan for students will be made when the new degree is completely approved at all levels. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: probably Fall 2015, pending all other approvals, which include the Board of Governors.
7. **Proposal to move the Department of Economics from the Warrington College of Business Administration to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.** Dr. R. Paul Duncan from the Graduate School summarized the proposal as the formalization of discussions that have been occurring for several months. Dr. Roger Blair from the Department of Economics indicated that the graduate programs are not viable unless the department moves out of the College of Business Administration. The department believes it can be more useful in a university-wide context with this move. Both he and Dr. Angel Kwolek-Folland from the Provost's Office confirmed that the departmental relocation has the complete support of the CLAS Dean, as well as the College of Business Administration. Current discussions are focusing on a short-term and longer term hiring plan for additional faculty. There are currently 650 undergraduates with a major in Economics. Per long-standing practice, graduate students cohorts are admitted every other year, to allow the faculty to adequately teach the advanced courses in alternate years. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: dependent on all other university approvals.
8. **Selection of candidates to include on the ballot for election to the Graduate Council, 2014-2017.** The Nominating Committee received several names for the ballot. They created a slate of 5 candidates: Nancy Dana (Education), Kevin Orr (Fine Arts), Joanna Peris (Pharmacy), Constance Shehan (Liberal Arts and Sciences), and My Thai (Engineering). The electronic ballot will be prepared and sent to all graduate faculty by the beginning of April.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 17, 2014