

**MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL**

May 15, 2014
1:00 P.M.

264 GRINTER HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Sid Dobrin, Dr. Amir Erez, Dr. Ann Horgas, Dr. Christopher Janelle, Dr. Ellen Martin, Dr. Heather McAuslane, Dr. Cindy Prins, and Ms. Courtney Reijo (GSC)
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Mary Ann Ferguson; Dr. Carole Kimberlin; Dr. Panagote Pardalos; Dr. Dietmar Siemann; Dr. Pamela Soltis; and Ms. Rhonda Williams (GSC), however, Ms. Julie Emminger attended on her behalf.
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Mr. Rick Bryant (Admissions), Dr. Elayne Colon (College of Education) Mr. Rajeeb Das (Office of Institutional Assessment), Dr. Mike Sagas (College of Health and Human Performance), Dr. Ricky Telg (College of Agriculture and Life Sciences), Dr. Asoo Vakharia (Warrington College of Business Administration), and Ms. Kathy Zemba (Registrar),
- STAFF PRESENT:** Ms. Stacy Wallace (recording), Dr. Rimjhim Banerjee-Batist, Dr. R. Paul Duncan, Ms. Gann Enholm, Dr. Emelia Hodge, Ms. Caitlin Nelson, and Mr. Robert Parker

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

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Minutes from the April 17, 2014 Graduate Council meeting
Motion: Approved unanimously
2. The proposal from the College of Health and Human Performance to accept GMAT in lieu of GRE scores for applicants to the non-thesis M.S. in Recreation, Parks and Tourism was reviewed. Dr. Michael Sagas was present for the discussion.

During discussions, Dr. Dobrin expressed concern over why UF is still requiring GRE scores of applicants. Dr. Duncan addressed the issue, indicating this provision was passed to the local trustees from the Board of Regents and the Board of Governors. At this time, the UF Board of Trustees has- not chosen to address the issue, leaving the current university-wide policy requiring GRE scores in place, and necessitating exceptions on case by case basis.

Motion: Approved unanimously

Effective date: Spring 2015

3. The proposal from the Warrington College of Business Administration to terminate the graduate certificate in Supply Chain Management was reviewed. Dr. Asoo Vakharia was present for the discussion.

Discussions revolved around the effective date and the timeline was later confirmed by the academic unit, as they will no longer accept students, effective summer 2014, officially terminating the program in spring of 2015, allowing current students to complete by the fall of 2014, as stated on the transmittal form submitted.

Motion: Approved unanimously

Effective date: Spring 2015

4. The proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for a new concentration in Medical Microbiology and Biochemistry for the non-thesis MS degree in Microbiology and Cell Science was reviewed. Dr. Ricky Telg was present for the discussion.

Dr. McAuslane asked if this is intended to be strictly off-book. Dr. Telg advised that it is mainly aimed at satellite students; however, on campus students may elect to take it if they so desire.

Motion: Approved unanimously

Effective date: Immediately

5. The proposal from the College of Engineering for a graduate certificate in Engineering Entrepreneurship was reviewed. Dr. Paul Duncan was present for discussions on behalf of the College of Engineering.

Motion: Approved unanimously

Effective date: Immediately

6. The proposal from the College of Education to terminate the Ph.D. and the Ed.D. in Marriage and Family Counseling was reviewed. Dr. Elayne Colon was present for the discussion.

Motion: Approved unanimously, pending all other approvals

Effective date: As soon as possible. The item has been forwarded to the Faculty Senate for action and also to the University Curriculum Committee as an information item.

7. The proposal from the College of Education for termination of the Ph.D. and Ed.D. in Mental Health Counseling was reviewed. Dr. Elayne Colon was present for the discussion.

Motion: Approved unanimously, pending all other approvals

Effective date: As soon as possible. The item has been forwarded to the Faculty Senate for action and also to the University Curriculum Committee as an information item.

II. INFORMATION ITEM

The results of the Graduate Council ballot were discussed. Dr. Frierson asked the committee to welcome its new members, Dr. Nancy Dana, from the School of Teaching and Learning in the College of Education and Dr. Constance Shehan, from the Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He thanked Dr. Sidney Dobrin, Dr. Carole Kimberlin, Dr. Mary Ann Ferguson, and Dr. Panagote Pardalos for their commitment and dedication to the committee, wishing them well. In closing, Dr. Frierson indicated the remaining members will be appointed by the Provost from the ballot presented and would be announced shortly.

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was not scheduled, as the Graduate Council does not generally meet during the summer months. However, Dr. Duncan expressed his appreciation for the committee's commitment over the past year, adding that should the Graduate School need to have additional meetings over the summer due to a full docket or for any other reason, he would especially appreciate it if the members in town over the summer would take time from their busy summer schedules to attend.