

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
November 20, 2014
1:00 P.M.

264 GRINTER HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Paul Duncan, Acting Chair; Dr. Amir Erez; Dr. Christopher Janelle; Dr. Ellen Martin; Dr. Kevin Orr; Dr. Joanna Peris (arrived late); Dr. Cindy Prins; Dr. Pamela Soltis; Mr. Nathan Blinn (GSC alternate)
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Nancy Fichtman Dana; Dr. Ann Horgas; Dr. Heather McAuslane; Dr. Connie Shehan; Dr. Dietmar Siemann; Ms. Courtney Reijo (GSC)
- GUESTS PRESENT:** Mr. Rick Bryant (Admissions), Ms. Alana Christou (Health Outcomes and Policy), Mr. Rajeeb Das (Office of Institutional Assessment), Dr. William Hogan (Health Outcomes and Policy), Mr. Lee Morrison (Office of the University Registrar), Dr. Betsy Shenkman (Health Outcomes and Policy), Mr. Mark Zakshevsky (Distance & Continuing Education)
- STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Rimjhim Banerjee-Batist, Ms. Gann Enholm, Dr. Emilia Hodge, Mr. Matt Mitterko, Dr. Rhonda Moraca, Mr. Robert Parker, Ms. Stacy Wallace (recording)

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the October 16, 2014 Graduate Council meeting**
Motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
2. **Minutes from the special October 30, 2014 Graduate Council meeting**
Dr. Duncan summarized the reasons for the need for the interim meeting, indicating that Graduate School policies must be aligned to ensure consistency with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the University of Florida Board of Trustees and the United Faculty of Florida. The process for approving graduate faculty status changes with the modification of Graduate School policy. The process includes a nomination to the Graduate School, including a vote by the graduate faculty members in an academic unit, and an official letter of appointment from the Dean of the Graduate School. However, the outcome would in most instances be effectively automatic for relevant faculty in units covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Academic units still retain the rights to determine the specific privileges included with graduate faculty status for their faculty. After the summary, a motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE:

3. **Proposal from the College of Medicine for a new graduate certificate in Biomedical Informatics (#9613).** Dr. Betsy Shenkman and Dr. William Hogan were present for the discussion. There was a brief discussion regarding the curriculum statement allowing for “other graduate level course if approved by the program director.” The concern was raised that just any course could electively be taken carte blanche. Dr. Hogan explained that the faculty would still approach this critically and would not be overly permissive. The suggestion was made to change the statement to “other relevant graduate

level course if approved by the program director.” A motion was made to approve the proposal once the revised; this motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2015

CONCENTRATIONS:

4. **Proposal from the Epidemiology Department, governed by both the College of Public Health and Health Professions and the College of Medicine, to remove the Biostatistics concentration from their Master of Science in Epidemiology degree (#9673).** Dr. Catherine Striley was unavailable for this meeting; accordingly Dr. Cindy Prins was present for discussion. A motion was made to approve the proposal; this motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2015 (Phase-Out Date) and Spring 2015 (End Date).
5. **Proposal from the Epidemiology Department, governed by both the College of Public Health and Health Professions and the College of Medicine, to remove the Health Management and Policy concentration from their Master of Science in Epidemiology degree (#9674).** Dr. Catherine Striley was unavailable for this meeting; accordingly Dr. Cindy Prins was present for discussion. A motion was made to approve the proposal; this motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2015 (Phase-Out Date) and Spring 2015 (End Date).

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

6. **Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Funded.** Dr. Duncan indicated that the Council had expressed their wishes to be informed when there are changes of this sort. However, at this time, there are no new items to present.
7. **CIP code change from 24.0101 to 05.0107 for graduate certificate in Latin American Studies (#9629).** Information regarding this change was presented to the Council as an information item. The change was approved at the Graduate Council level on October 16, 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.