

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
December 18, 2014
1:00 P.M.

264 GRINTER HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Ann Horgas; Dr. Christopher Janelle; Dr. Heather McAuslane; Dr. Kevin Orr; Dr. Joanna Peris; Dr. Cindy Prins; Dr. Pamela Soltis; Mr. Nathan Blinn (GSC alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Nancy Fichtman Dana; Dr. Amir Erez; Dr. Ellen Martin; Dr. Connie Shehan; Dr. Dietmar Siemann; Ms. Courtney Reijo (GSC)

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Timothy Brophy (Institutional Assessment), Mr. Rick Bryant (Admissions), Dr. Peggy Carr (College of Design, Construction and Planning), Mr. Rajeeb Das (Office of Institutional Assessment), Dr. Jon Dobson (Biomedical Engineering), Dr. Kathleen Kelly (Public Relations), Dr. Juan-Carlos Molleda (Public Relations), Ms. Ana Portocarrero (Business Administration), Mr. Stephen Pritz (Office of the Registrar)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Rimjhim Banerjee-Batist, Dr. R. Paul Duncan, Mr. Matt Mitterko, Dr. Rhonda Moraca, Ms. Caitlin Nelson (recording), Ms. Stacy Wallace.

Meeting was called to order at 1:03p.m.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Minutes from the November 20, 2014 Graduate Council meeting

A correction to the November minutes was made: item #3 in the second line corrected name is William Hogan instead of Logan. Motion to approve with changes was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES:

2. Proposal from the College of Engineering for a new graduate certificate in Cell Engineering & Regenerative Medicine (#9264).

Dr. Jon Dobson was present for discussion. A question was asked: is there not a minimum number of courses to assign to graduate certificates generally? Graduate School staff stated that graduate certificates cannot be less than 9 hours by policy, with most of them being 12 hours, a lesser amount 15 hours, and a smaller number at 9 credits. Motion to approve was made, seconded, and voted unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2015 pending any other approvals.

3. Proposal from the College of Engineering for a new graduate certificate in Transportation Operations and Planning (#8880). Dr. Ruth Steiner was absent. No discussion. Motion to approve was made, seconded, and voted unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2015, per proposal, pending any other approvals.

4. **Proposal from the College of Journalism and Communications for a new graduate certificate in Fund Raising (#9660).** Dr. Kathleen Kelly was present for discussion. No discussion. Motion to approve was made, seconded, and voted unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2015, per proposal, pending any other approvals.

CONCENTRATION:

5. **Proposal from the College of Design, Construction and Planning to participate in the concentration in Geographic Information Systems (#9785).** Dr. Peggy Carr was present for discussion. No discussion. Motion to approve was made, seconded, and voted unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2015, per proposal, pending any other approvals.

TERMINATION:

6. **Proposal from the Warrington College of Business Administration to terminate the graduate certificate in Global Management (#9602).** Ms. Ana Portocarrero was present for discussion. A question was posed about whether there was anything in the curriculum that would take the place of the Global Management certificate. The answer was that the Master of International Business does overlap significantly, and only a small percentage of certificate students were not in that M.I.B. program. The College feels that the students can get the global management experience through the M.I.B and in other courses already in the curriculum. It was noted that current certificate students were notified over the summer and there is a plan in place to phase them out at the end of the fall semester. Motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2015 per proposal, pending any other approvals.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

7. **Proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions to modify the curriculum of the Biostatistics PhD (#9679).** This item was administratively approved by the graduate staff because the request was to exchange three core courses for three new courses with no net change in degree credit requirements.

8. **Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Funded (No new items)**

A question was posed: Can Graduate Council members represent a department requesting a new certificate? Graduate School staff answered that typically another person comes so that the current member can vote. Staff are available to talk with people about the forms and other logistics of proposal application.

Dr. Frierson thanked the members and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.