

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 15, 2015**  
**1:00 P.M.**

**264 GRINTER HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Paul Duncan (chair); Dr. Tom Frazer; Dr. Christopher Hass; Dr. Ann Horgas; Dr. Joanna Peris; Dr. Cindy Prins; Dr. Connie Shehan; Dr. Dietmar Siemann; Mr. Nathan Blinn (GSC)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Nancy Dana; Dr. Henry Frierson (chair); Dr. Mahendrarajah Nimalendran; Dr. Pamela Soltis; Dr. Jane Southworth

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Dr. Joel Brendemuhl (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences); Mr. Rick Bryant (Admissions); Mr. Joseph Carroll (M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management); Dr. Tracy Irani (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences); Dr. Thomas Jackson (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering); Mr. John Laibson (Warrington College of Business); Dr. Gary McGill (Warrington College of Business); Mr. Steve Pritz (Registrar); Dr. Peter Sayeski (Physiology and Functional Genomics); Dr. Debbie Treise (College of Journalism and Communications)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ms. Gann Enholm; Ms. Caroline Lentz (recording); Mr. Matt Mitterko; Dr. Rhonda Moraca; Mr. Robert Parker; Ms. Stacy Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

**I. ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Minutes from the September 17, 2015, Graduate Council meeting (Enclosure 1). Dr. Duncan pointed out an omission of the article “the” in the College of **the** Arts in Certificates item #2. Pending correction, a motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

**CERTIFICATE:**

2. Proposal from the College of Design, Construction and Planning for a modification of the graduate certificate in Construction Project Management to change the curriculum to accept ICM 6910 if ICM 6440 was previously used for an additional certificate (#10372). Mr. Joseph Carroll was present-for discussion and representing Dr. Ries who was not available. Motion to approve was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Proposal from the College of Design, Construction and Planning for a modification of the graduate certificate in Sustainable Construction to change the curriculum to accept ICM 6910 if ICM 6440 was previously used for an additional certificate (#10371).

Mr. Joseph Carroll was present-for discussion and representing Dr. Ries who was not available. Motion to approve was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Proposal from the College of Medicine for a new graduate certificate in Medical Physiology (#10368). Dr. Peter Sayeski was present for discussion. Dr. Sayeski explained that the current certificate titled *Medical Physiology with a Specialization in Cardiovascular/Renal Physiology* is taught using the Socratic Method, but that method does not work well in the on-line format for current students who want broader education with repetitive reinforcement. He explained that all UF graduate students are eligible to participate in the proposed certificate.

**GC member:** Will PhD students be able to apply these credits toward their degree?

**Dr. Sayeski:** No, the courses in this certificate program are not geared toward PhD programs. These will be separate courses, all of which are pending approval.

Motion to approve was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

### **CONCENTRATION:**

5. Proposal from Design, Construction and Planning to add a new concentration of Hydrologic Sciences to the Master of Construction Management and Master of Science in Construction Management degrees (#10220). Dr. Tom Frazer was present for discussion. Motion to approve was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

6. Proposal from Design, Construction and Planning to add a new concentration of Hydrologic Sciences to the Ph.D. degree (#10467). Dr. Tom Frazer was present for discussion.

**GC member:** Are all students of Design, Construction, and Planning allowed to participate?

**GC member:** The PhD is offered by the College of Design, Construction, and Planning, while the Master's is offered by the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management.

**Ms. Enholm** clarified that this would be a PhD with the major of Design, Construction, and Planning and a concentration in Construction Management and a secondary concentration in Hydrologic Sciences.

Motion to approve was made, seconded and passed unanimously based on Ms. Enholm's clarification above.

7. Proposal from the Warrington College of Business Administration to change the track in Auditing to a concentration in Auditing for the Master of Accounting degree (#10403). Dr. Gary McGill and Mr. John Laibson were present for discussion. Motion to approve was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

8. Proposal from the Warrington College of Business Administration to change the track in Tax to a concentration in Taxation for the Master of Accounting degree (#10404). Dr. Gary McGill and Mr. John Laibson were present for discussion. Motion to approve was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

## **DUAL DEGREE:**

9. Proposal for a dual degree between the University of Florida and Pusan National University, South Korea for Mr. Jaehyun Park. Dr. Thomas Jackson was present for discussion.

**GC member:** If 1/3 or more credits are earned at UF, how can the student not live here?

**Mr. Mitterko:** There will be credits transferred between the two universities; there appears to be more time spent at PNU in the proposal, but the time will end up being fairly even. The language in the proposal is an attempt to clarify the relationship between the two universities and is meant to avoid financially binding commitments.

**GC member:** Page 1 and 2 of the proposal titled "Agreement for Dual Graduate Degree Program" refers to the institutions, not the student.

**GC member:** Will the work be done online or will the student be present?

**Dr. Jackson:** The student will be present for the UF portion of studies.

**GC member:** What degree will the student end up with?

**Dr. Jackson:** The student will be awarded a PhD from UF and a PhD from PNU.

**GC member:** It seems that this is problematic because the student is technically earning only a partial PhD at UF and a partial PhD at PNU but ending up with two separate PhDs.

**GC member:** Isn't this type of collaboration better classified as a joint PhD?

**Dr. Duncan:** We have progressed to this type of dual degree proposal because the administrative side of processing one PhD from two separate schools became too cumbersome. In the end, the semester hours and credit are not likely to be short.

**GC member:** How many of these dual degrees have we approved and what are the benefits of doing this type of degree?

**Dr. Duncan:** We have done a couple a year. The benefit is that it promotes collegial and collaborative research and increases our global and international relationships.

**GC member:** This type of degree is beneficial because it gives the student a richer experience and addresses the fact that other universities may have less resources than UF.

**GC member:** But, these two degrees are not the same from a research perspective, so why give one degree?

**Dr. Jackson:** The rationale is not coursework or research but rather international collaboration.

**Dr. Duncan:** This is an unusual degree request because most that we have approved have been in collaboration with European institutions.

**Dr. Jackson:** Dr. Bala (UF) and Professor Ha (PNU) do research together and there is a Department of Energy grant in place.

**GC member:** Up to 30 credit hours can be transferred?

**Ms. Enholm:** Up to 30 hours of Master's courses and up to 15 hours of post-master's graduate courses can. If the student wants a higher number transferred, it requires a petition submitted from the academic unit to the Graduate School.

**GC member:** Isn't it possible that this degree proposal will meet the requirements of both institutions, since we don't know what PNU (or other institutions) require? We only know about this one because we're reviewing it.

**GC member:** But, we don't allow students to earn a PhD from another institution once they're already in a PhD program at UF.

**Dr. Duncan:** Graduate Council has approved these in the past.

**Ms. Enholm:** There are special remarks on the transcript that explain that the degree was earned in collaboration with another institution. Grants have formalized the relationships with other institutions.

**GC member:** Who vets the other institutions?

**Dr. Duncan:** We depend on the faculty.

**Ms. Enholm:** SACS reviews these proposals as well.

**Dr. Duncan:** The goal of these is to achieve efficiency across degrees and 1) get value of joint knowledge bases and 2) allow the student to save time and money.

**GC member:** Not all CVs include dissertation titles and dates, so these could appear to be two separate degrees.

**GC member:** Collaboration goes on all the time but does not result in two separate degrees.

**GC member:** Faculty are not free of conflict of interest here.

This discussion will continue at the November meeting or a future meeting of Graduate Council.

Motion was made to approve, seconded and passed by a 6-2 affirmative vote.

#### **MODIFICATION OF THE CURRICULUM:**

10. Proposal from the College of Journalism and Communications for a modification of the curriculum of the major in Mass Communication for the Master of Arts in Mass Communication degree (#10336). Dr. Debbie Treise was present for discussion.

**Dr. Treise:** We were asked at the last GC meeting why the college does not distinguish the tracks within the degrees or have separate degrees. We found the University of North Carolina, found a peer institution whose program most mimics how we want our program to look. They have 3 tracks under the M.A.M.C. degree: Professional, Mass Communications, and Interdisciplinary Health Communications.

**GC member:** It's mentioned that the students will have to start over if they want to switch tracks after already beginning the other track. How common is that requirement to start over?

**Dr. Duncan:** Practical constraints and rule constraints dictate that. Some course credits may be switchable as electives but if the student is deep into one program and wanted to switch tracks they would have to go back.

The motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

## II. DISCUSSION ITEM:

11. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for a new Ph.D. degree in Youth Development and Family Sciences (#10369). Dr. Tracy Irani was present for discussion.

**Dr. Duncan:** This proposal is the result of conversations at the Provost's office and at Graduate Council. PhD proposals have to go to the Board of Governors; therefore, we look at PhD proposals very carefully.

**Dr. Irani:** This proposal has gone through many different iterations and is the result of a year's worth of research. The research we've done has helped us develop the identity of our department. There is only one program of this type, at FSU, and we will be supported by, not in competition with, FSU.

**GC member:** How is this program different from FSU's?

**Dr. Irani:** FSU offers 2 PhDs in this field-Clinical Marriage and Family Counseling and a research PhD in Family Relations. The family component is part of our focus here at UF, but the main focus is youth development in the context of family and community, which is our strength. We also are taking a prevention science approach. Funding is already in place and we have enough money to hire for two positions.

**Dr. Brendemuhl:** The CIP code also differentiates the two programs.

**Dr. Irani:** Our program is part of Family and Consumer Services and FSU's is part of their Human Sciences department.

**GC member:** What feedback have you gotten for this proposal?

**Dr. Irani:** We presented it to CAVP (Council of Academic Vice Presidents). We have analyzed the courses, and the chair of our department will provide documentation if needed.

**GC member:** Why did you choose this name for the proposed degree?

**Dr. Irani:** It's related to our department name. We didn't want to be disparate from our department name for recruiting purposes.

This item will be voted on at the November Graduate Council meeting.

## III. INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.