

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2016
1:00 P.M.

GRINTER HALL ROOM 264

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Paul Duncan (chair); Dr. Karen Bjorndal; Dr. Nancy Fichtman Dana; Dr. Tom Frazer; Dr. Christopher Hass; Dr. Raymond Issa; Dr. Bruce Macfadden; Dr. Joanna Peris; Dr. John Shea; Dr. Jane Southworth

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Henry Frierson (chair); Dr. David Bloom; Dr. Mahendrarajah Nimalendran; Dr. Connie Shehan; Ms. Mirna Amaya (GSC rep); Ms. Karastin Katusin (GSC alternate)

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Timothy Brophy (Office of the Provost); Dr. Stephanie Hanson (College of Public Health and Health Professions); Dr. William Hogan (College of Medicine); Dr. Brian Marchman (Distance and Continuing Education); Mr. Steve Pritz (Office of the University Registrar); Dr. Thomas Rowe (College of Medicine); Mr. Morgan Vollrath (Office of Admissions)

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Gann Enholm; Ms. Caroline Lentz; Mr. Matt Mitterko; Dr. Rhonda Moraca; Ms. Patricia Van Wert; Ms. Stacy Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Minutes from the May 19, 2016 Graduate Council meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CLOSE A DEPARTMENT:

2. Proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions to close the Department of Behavioral Science and Community Health (#10983). Dr. Stephanie Hanson was present for discussion. Dr. Hanson explained that there are currently thirteen Ph.D. students in this department, but the interdisciplinary programs will have space for them and they will continue on with their same mentors. A motion to approve was made, seconded and passed unanimously with an August 1, 2016 effective date, pending further approvals.

CONCENTRATION:

3. Proposal from the College of Medicine for a new concentration in Biomedical Informatics for the existing PhD in Medical Sciences (#10952). Dr. Thomas Rowe and Dr. William Hogan were present for discussion. Dr. Hogan explained that this

proposal is a logical extension of the Master's concentration in Biomedical Informatics that was approved last year. There are five students currently enrolled in the Master's concentration and three of them are interested in continuing in the Ph.D. concentration. This concentration would address a shortage in the field. Courses will be added to the Master's curriculum for the Ph.D. concentration.

GC Member: Why the need for a concentration? Students could obtain a Ph.D. in their desired department.

Dr. Duncan: There is complexity in the way that the College of Medicine is set up, as Ph.Ds. are at the college level. There will be a proposal forthcoming to devolve back to departmental responsibility.

GC Member: Do the concentrations show on the transcript?

Dr. Rowe: Yes.

GC Member: Is this part of the IDP program?

Dr. Hogan: No, but the curriculum spans across biostatistics, statistics, CISE, and BME.

GC Member: There appears to be overlap with CISE, but there is no letter of support from them.

Dr. Hogan: We have a letter of support from them for the Master's concentration, and we have met with CISE faculty. Our concentration deals with health records while their program deals with gene sequencing and molecular data.

Dr. Duncan: At the graduate level, there is a requirement to obtain sign-offs for courses that may create overlap but not for programs.

Dr. Rowe: There is room for other departments to have their own spin if someone wanted to create a similar concentration in another field down the road. We would not stand in the way of that. We see our concentration as distinct and valuable.

GC Member: I can foresee various informatics concentrations in the future. What will be the governing structure when we have the Informatics Institute?

Dr. Rowe: This is a huge, expanding area that may have needs we can't anticipate.

Dr. Duncan: Due to preeminence funding and initiatives, there will be more structure in place. For now there will be variation, which is appropriate.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously with a Fall 2017 effective date, pending further approvals.

MODIFICATION OF THE CURRICULUM FOR A MAJOR:

4. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to modify the curriculum for the major in Animal Molecular and Cellular Biology (#10650). This proposal was tabled until the October Graduate Council meeting so clarification could be provided to Graduate Council members on the specific curricular changes being proposed.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

5. Request to create a new Department of Dermatology from the Division of Dermatology in the College of Medicine (#4334).

6. Request to transition the Division of Urology-Jacksonville to a department within the College of Medicine (#10987).
7. Request to remove the word “Administration” from the Warrington College of Business Administration title (#10997).
8. Request from the College of Medicine to transfer GMS 6931 Ethical and Policy Issues in Clinical Research from Medicine-General (312901000) to Medicine-Community Health/Family Medicine (312916000). Graduate Council was informed that this request was administratively denied by the Graduate School, as Community Health and Family Medicine is a clinical unit and not authorized to offer graduate courses per Dr. Zeglen.
9. Graduate Programs (self-funded)
 - Self-Funded Graduate Certificate in Global Agroecology
 - Self-Funded Masters of Science in Health Education & BehaviorDr. Marchman explained that these items arise when there is a change to platform or funding model. He clarified for a Graduate Council member that these proposals are reviewed by the Provost’s Self-Funded Work Group and that the proposers do not cannibalize existing programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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