

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2017
1:00 P.M.

GRINTER HALL ROOM 264

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson (Chair); Dr. Karen Bjorndal; Dr. David Bloom; Dr. Tom Frazer; Dr. Raymond Issa; Dr. Mahendrarajah Nimalendran; Dr. Joanna Peris; Dr. John Shea; Dr. Connie Shehan; Dr. Jane Southworth; Ms. Mirna Amaya (GSC rep)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Christopher Hass; Dr. Bruce MacFadden; Ms. Karastin Katusin (GSC alternate)

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Wesley Bolch (College of Engineering); Ms. Suzie Burns (Office of Admissions); Dr. Brian Marchman (Distance and Continuing Education); Ms. Theresa Martin (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences); Mr. Bill McElroy (College of Engineering); Dr. Kati Migliaccio (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences); Ms. Rhiannon Pollard (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Paul Duncan; Ms. Gann Enholm; Ms. Caroline Lentz; Dr. Rhonda Moraca; Ms. Patricia Van Wert

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

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Minutes from the November 17, 2016 Graduate Council meeting.** A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATES:

2. **Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for a modification to the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Aquaculture and Fish Health (#11100).** Ms. Rhiannon Pollard was present for discussion. Ms. Pollard verified that the certificates for agenda items #2 through #5 were all originally approved between 2013 and 2014. A Graduate Council member noted that some courses for the certificates appear to still not have permanent course numbers. Ms. Pollard explained there are a few courses for which the faculty at the department are working on finalizing syllabi. For their purposes, the OUR audit will indicate the courses as FOR 6934 with the working title following. Dr. Duncan explained that units do not want to spend time developing courses for a certificate that may not be approved, but they also do not want to put through a certificate without courses ready. The Graduate School encourages units to submit the course and certificate requests simultaneously.

GC Member: Are these certificates aimed at non-degree seeking students?

Ms. Pollard: We accept non-degree seeking and degree seeking students. All of the courses are online.

GC Member: Which of these certificates is the most popular?

Ms. Pollard: We have about 250 students combined in our certificate programs, and the Ecological Restoration certificate is the most popular, with approximately fifty or sixty students.

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

3. **Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for a modification to the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Ecological Restoration (#11101).** Ms. Rhiannon Pollard was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
4. **Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for a modification to the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Natural Resource Policy and Administration (#11102).** Ms. Rhiannon Pollard was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
5. **Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for a modification to the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Quantitative Fisheries Sciences (#11104).** Ms. Rhiannon Pollard was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
6. **Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for a new graduate certificate in Digital Geography and GIS (#11112).** Dr. Jane Southworth was present for discussion. Dr. Southworth explained the signoff from the College of Design, Construction and Planning was the only one needed, as the proposed certificate is very unit specific. She explained the existing ICGIS concentration and graduate certificate have more courses and the requirements are stricter. She also explained there is another faculty member being hired currently for the Digital Geography and GIS graduate certificate.
GC Member: Will you recruit outside of Geography?
Dr. Southworth: Anyone can pursue our certificate, but it's hard because two of the courses that make up the certificate are capped at twenty students each. This number has to be controlled due to them being lab courses and there are only twenty-one computers.
A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
7. **Proposal from the College of Engineering for a new graduate certificate in Engineering Leadership (#11013).** Dr. Wesley Bolch and Mr. Bill McElroy were present for discussion. Dr. Bolch introduced Mr. McElroy, formerly Vice-President and Gainesville Area Manager for CH2M Hill and currently Assistant Director of the Engineering Leadership Institute at UF. Mr. McElroy explained that the skills gained through the proposed certificate are industry preferred competencies. Dr. Bolch explained there was an external program review conducted and they saw a dramatic increase in enrollment for leadership courses not part of the student's degree program. Dr. Bolch and Mr. McElroy clarified for the Graduate Council that anyone can pursue this graduate certificate; the examples are Engineering examples, but there is no Engineering proficiency required. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CONCENTRATION:

8. **Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to begin participating in the Agroecology concentration for the Master of Science in Agricultural and Biological Engineering degree (#11125).** Dr. Kati Migliaccio and Ms. Theresa Martin were present for discussion (Enclosure 8). Dr. Migliaccio explained the classes and

projects overlap for Agroecology and Agricultural and Biological Engineering, so it makes sense to join in the concentration. She also explained this concentration will increase the number of AOM (Agricultural Operations Management) students who can participate. The courses are distance courses, so there is no issue with limiting enrollment due to lack of space. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

9. A nominating committee was established to create the ballot for new members to serve on Graduate Council for 2017-2020. This nominating committee is made up of those Graduate Council members rotating off the committee this year. These members will submit names to Dr. Moraca who will compile biographies of the candidates. The Graduate Council will approve a slate in March, and the two elected members and the two members appointed by the Provost will be announced in April.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were no new information items this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.