

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2017

1:00 P.M.

GRINTER HALL ROOM 264

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson (Chair); Dr. Karen Bjorndal; Dr. David Bloom; Dr. Nancy Fichtman Dana; Dr. Tom Frazer; Dr. Christopher Hass; Dr. Bruce MacFadden; Dr. Joanna Peris; Dr. John Shea; Dr. Connie Shehan; Dr. Jane Southworth; Ms. Mirna Amaya (GSC rep)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Raymond Issa; Dr. Mahendrarajah Nimalendran; Ms. Karastin Katusin (GSC alternate)

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Manuel Arreola; Dr. Wesley Bolch (College of Engineering); Dr. Joseph Fantone (College of Medicine); Dr. Arch Mainous; Dr. Richard Newman (Computer and Information Science and Engineering) Dr. Tom Rowe (College of Medicine); Mr. Steve Pritz (Office of the Registrar); Morgan Vollrath (Office of Admissions); Dr. Gene Witmer (Philosophy).

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Paul Duncan; Ms. Gann Enholm; Mr. Matt Mitterko; Dr. Rhonda Moraca; Ms. Stacy Wallace (recording); Ms. Patricia Van Wert.

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

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Minutes from the January 19, 2017, Graduate Council Meeting.** A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

MAJOR:

2. **Proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions for a modification to the curriculum of the Ph.D. in Public Health (#11381).** Dr. Arch Mainous was present for discussion. He explained the intent of this proposal is to establish a shared core curriculum that meets the needs of all students pursuing the Ph.D. in Public Health across all of the concentrations being offered. For example, prior to establishing this shared curricular core, each of the concentrations offered its own individual *Research Methods* course, which will now be universally covered by one shared course (PHC 6700). There was a great deal of questions and discussion regarding the use of multiple PHC 6937 (*Special Topics*) courses for a large portion of the core curriculum. Dr. Mainous clarified, and Dr. Duncan confirmed that courses with specifically assigned course titles and numbers are currently in development; most are under review and pending approval at this time, indicating the intent is to have a full shared curriculum in place without the use of rotating *Special Topics* courses being used. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATE:

3. **Proposal from the College of Engineering for a new graduate certificate in Information Security (#11369).** Dr. Richard Newman was present for discussion. A question was presented asking about consults with other units. Dr. Newman indicated there is a sign-off attached came from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He indicated his unit has been in consultations with the Math Department, the Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law, and the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering to discuss this new graduate certificate. The committee also addressed concerns over the certificate being open to non-degree seeking students. Dr. Duncan clarified for the committee that a number of certificates are offered this way, however, this should not be viewed as an assured path into a degree-seeking program, as students entering a program here must still meet all of the standard admission requirements. Lastly, a question regarding the availability of the courses was presented and Dr. Newman indicated the courses are all available

on campus rather than being online offerings. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CONCENTRATIONS:

The following proposals (4-7) were presented collectively. The concentration in Medical Physics originally resided in the College of Engineering and was joined into by the College of Medicine. The following proposals are intended to keep the program intact for both the master's and doctoral degrees while allowing the entire program to be administratively moved in its entirety to the College of Medicine. Some discussions took place regarding the students currently in the pipeline. Dr. Bolch indicated that it was decided that all current students would be migrated to the College of Medicine but would still be able to petition the Graduate School to remain in the College of Engineering in order to finalize their degree.

4. **Proposal from the College of Engineering to close the concentration in Medical Physics for the M.S. in Biomedical Engineering (#11416).** Dr. Wesley Bolch was present for discussion.
5. **Proposal from the College Engineering to close the concentration in Medical Physics for the Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering (#11438).** Dr. Wesley Bolch was present for discussion.
6. **Proposal from the College of Medicine to create a concentration in Medical Physics for the M.S. in Medical Sciences (#11435).** Dr. Manuel Arreola, Dr. Joseph Fantone, and Dr. Thomas Rowe were present for discussion.
7. **Proposal from the College of Medicine to create a concentration in Medical Physics for the Ph.D. in Medical Sciences (#11436).** Dr. Manuel Arreola, Dr. Joseph Fantone, and Dr. Thomas Rowe were present for discussion.

A motion to collectively approve Proposals 4 through 7 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

REACTIVATION:

8. **Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the reinstatement of admissions to the Ph.D. in Philosophy for the fall of 2017 (#11128).** Dr. Gene Witmer was present for discussion. He explained that the Ph.D. in Philosophy had been offered through UF for some time; however, about ten years ago, a decision had been made to pause admissions into the doctoral program while the master's program remained intact. Dr. Duncan reiterated that this is not a proposal for a new degree program but rather a reactivation of a longstanding degree program already offered here at UF. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were no new information items presented this month.

The Meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.