GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 31, 2018  
1:00 PM  

GRINTER HALL ROOM 110  

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson (Chair), Dr. Warren Dixon, Dr. Tom Frazer, Dr. Raymond Issa, Dr. Sihong Song, Ms. Madeline Sciullo (GSC representative)  

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Karen Bjorndal, Dr. David Bloom, Dr. Kendal Broad-Wright, Dr. Christopher Hass, Dr. Mahendrarajah Nimalendran, Dr. James McLeskey, Dr. Bruce Macfadden, Dr. Jane Southworth, Mr. Seth Assan (GSC alternate)  

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Sarah Barker (College of Pharmacy), Dr. Diane Beck (College of Pharmacy), Dr. Jason Byrd (College of Medicine), Ms. Shannon Chillingworth (Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering), Dr. Rhonda Cooper-DeHoff (College of Pharmacy), Ms. Susan Gardner (College of Medicine), Mr. Romain Gloaguen (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), Dr. Nam-Ho Kim (Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering), Dr. Brian Marchman (Distance and Continuing Education), Ms. Theresa Martin (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), Dr. Heather McAuslane (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), Dr. Christopher McCarty (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Mr. Robert McGarrah (Office of Admissions), Dr. Thomas Pearson (Department of Epidemiology), Mr. Steve Pritz (Office of the University Registrar), Dr. Jennifer Salo (College of Pharmacy), Dr. Betsy Shenkman (College of Medicine), Dr. Ian Tebbett (College of Pharmacy)  

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Gann Enholm, Ms. Stacy Wallace  

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.  

I. ACTION ITEMS:  

1. Minutes from the April 18, 2018 Graduate Council meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.  

CERTIFICATES:  

2. Proposal from the College of Pharmacy for a new graduate certificate in Precision Medicine (#11839). Dr. Rhonda Cooper-DeHoff, Dr. Diane Beck, Dr. Ian Tebbett and Dr. Thomas Pearson were present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.  

3. Proposal from the College of Pharmacy for a new graduate certificate in Comprehensive Medication Management (#12386). Dr. Ian Tebbett and Dr. Jennifer Salo were present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.  

4. Proposal from the College of Medicine for a revision to the graduate certificate in Health Outcomes and Policy (#12253). Dr. Elizabeth Shenkman was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.  

5. Proposal from the College of Medicine for a modification to the curriculum of the graduate certificate in Clinical and Translational Science (#12433). Ms. Susan Gardner was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
6. Proposal from the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering for a new graduate certificate in Hardware and Systems Security (#12304). Ms. Shannon Chillingworth was present for discussion. A Graduate Council member noted the inclusion of Electrical and Electronics Engineering as the degree program on the approval system form and it was clarified this refers to the CIP code. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

7. Proposal from the College of Medicine to close the graduate certificate Biomedical Scientist as Educator, allowing the College of Pharmacy to take it and the accompanying courses over (#12719). Ms. Susan Gardner was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

8. Proposal from the College of Pharmacy to ingest the graduate certificate Biomedical Scientist as Educator from the College of Medicine (#12687). Dr. Ian Tebbett was present for discussion.

   GC Member: I noticed some of the proposals don’t include SLOs.
   Dr. Duncan: As far as the Graduate Council is concerned for certificates, concentrations, etc., the Council only concerns itself with whether or not the SLOs exist; their assessment is under the purview of Dr. Tim Brophy.

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

CONCENTRATIONS:

9. Proposal from the College of Medicine for a modification to the curriculum of the graduate concentration in Clinical and Translational Science (#12455). Ms. Susan Gardner was present for discussion.

   GC Member: Do the certificate and concentration deal with the same type of program?
   Ms. Gardner: Yes, but the main difference is that the concentration includes research.
   GC Member: Is that why the concentration has fourteen credit hours?
   Ms. Gardner: There are more electives to choose from.
   GC Member: Can this concentration be associated with other majors in the college?
   Ms. Gardner: Each program that wants to add the Clinical and Translational Science concentration has to go through the approval system process to add it.
   Dr. Duncan: Units that wish to participate would go through the same approval process unless that unit is already included in the original concentration proposal.

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

10. Proposal from the College of Medicine to add the Clinical and Translational Science concentration to the concentration in Physiology (#12542). Ms. Susan Gardner was present for discussion.

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

11. Proposal from the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering to add the Clinical and Translational Science concentration to the PhD degree with a major in Electrical and Computer Engineering (#12408). Dr. John Shea was present for discussion.

   GC Member: I’m just wondering how Clinical and Translational Science fits in with Electrical and Computer Engineering and if it would affect the student’s qualifying exam?
   Ms. Chillingworth: This would be outside of the twenty-four credits of core courses of Electrical and Computer Engineering. The curriculum is set by the transitional sciences area and then students who work closely with biomedical faculty that overlap with this concentration would participate. We have one student now and anticipate five or six. This concentration is an addition and is not replacing anything.

   A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
12. Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to add the Clinical and Translational Science concentration to the PhD degree with a major in Anthropology (#12420). Dr. Christopher McCarty was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

13. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for a new concentration in Wildlife Forensic Sciences for the MS in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation (#11417). Dr. Jason Byrd was present for discussion.

GC Member: Is this MS degree a thesis degree?
Dr. Byrd: It’s a thesis/non-thesis option.

GC Member: It looks like the student who will graduate and defend in spring will have to register for a minimum of three credits in the last term, which would put them over the degree requirements. Are there additional requirements for this degree that are not part of this concentration?
Dr. Byrd: No.
A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

14. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for curriculum revisions to incorporate two additional departments into the concentration of Agroecology (Agricultural & Biological Engineering and Entomology & Nematology) (#12376). Mrs. Theresa Martin was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

15. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to participate in the concentration of Agroecology for the MS in Entomology & Nematology (#12379). Dr. Heather McAuslane was present for discussion.

GC Member: Why is this concentration only being added to the MS program and not the PhD programs?
Ms. Martin: We submitted this proposal at the request of the two departments that wished to join the concentration.
Dr. McAuslane: I was presented with the option to add this concentration to the MS and not the PhD. That doesn’t mean in the future we wouldn’t want to add it. Entomology and Nematology currently only has the distance option.
GC Member: I noticed there are a lot of credit hours for this concentration, so it may make sense for the PhD as well.
Ms. Martin: Agricultural and Biological Engineering joined the concentration but had to wait for courses to come online and the PhD was created during that process. The concentration is primarily intended for Master degree students.
A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

DEGREE PROGRAM:

16. Proposal from the College of Journalism and Communications to terminate the Master of Advertising degree (#11925).
Dr. Duncan: As a little background, the College of Journalism and Communications has typically offered the Master of Arts in Mass Communications regardless of the various focal areas within. A few years ago the advertising faculty sought the establishment of a separate degree. Many of the faculty who advocated for the research degree have left the University of Florida. The college wants to revert to all students receiving the Master of Arts in Mass Communications, and they have an appropriate plan in place for the two or three students who are currently midway through the program.
A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
DUAL DEGREE:

17. Proposal for a dual degree between the University of Florida and Korea Aerospace University. Dr. Nam-Ho Kim was present for discussion.

GC Member: Is this proposal one we have seen before?

Dr. Kim: Yes, and the Council asked that we clarify what the student will do at each institution.

Dr. Duncan: This proposal is the last one in the pipeline that would have been subject to the previous guidelines of the Council regarding dual degrees. The more rigorous rules passed a month ago will be enforced starting in the fall. In fairness to Dr. Kim and his colleagues, the new rules will be more stringent but this proposal was put together under the old rules.

GC Member: Once the student advances to candidacy, it’s confusing because at the end is a 7979 course and it should be a 7980. That should be fixed.

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

II. INFORMATION ITEM:

18. Graduate Programs – Online and Self-Funded (No new items).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.