

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 20, 2018

1:00 PM

GRINTER HALL ROOM 110

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson (Chair), Dr. Karen Bjorndal, Dr. David Bloom, Dr. Kendal Broad-Wright, Dr. Raymond Issa, Dr. James McLeskey, Dr. Lori Pennington-Gray, Mr. Glen Billesbach (GSC alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jason Blackburn, Dr. Joyce Bono, Dr. Warren Dixon, Dr. Wendy Graham, Dr. Bruce MacFadden, Dr. Sihong Song, Mr. Seth Assan (GSC representative)

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Sarah Barker (College of Pharmacy), Dr. Tim Brophy (Office of the Provost), Dr. Rhonda Cooper-Dehoff (College of Pharmacy), Dr. Yehia Daaka (College of Medicine), Ms. Amanda Elsey (College of Pharmacy), Ms. Wendy Malorzo (UF Health Cancer Center), Mr. Robert McGarrah (Office of Admissions), Mr. Chris Newsome (Distance and Continuing Education), Dr. Kyle Rarey (College of Medicine), Dr. Tom Rowe (College of Medicine), Dr. Dietmar Siemann (College of Medicine), Dr. Catherine Striley (College of Public Health and Health Professions and College of Medicine), Dr. Ian Tebbett (College of Pharmacy),

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Paul Duncan, Ms. Gann Enholm, Ms. Caroline Lentz, Dr. Judy Traveis, Ms. Patty Van Wert, Ms. Stacy Wallace

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

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Minutes from the May 31, 2018 Graduate Council meeting.** A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATES:

2. **Proposal from the College of Medicine for a new graduate certificate in Cancer: Biology, Epidemiology, and Outcomes (#12369).** Dr. Dietmar Siemann and Dr. Thomas Rowe were present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

GC Member: I have a question about the requirements for admission, which seem to indicate any student can take these courses for the certificate. I would think there is information in these courses related to big data or science that might eliminate some students.

Dr. Siemann: All three courses are introductory and have a broad perspective. We don't have any prerequisites. The idea for this certificate came about when I was on this Council and spoke with someone from the College of Nursing about the need. We envisioned this certificate for students who want to have a specialization in oncology.

CONCENTRATIONS:

Items 3-4 were reviewed together at the approval of Council.

3. **Proposal from the College of Medicine to add a secondary concentration in Clinical and Translational Science to the Ph.D. degree with the major of Medical Sciences and a concentration in Cancer Biology (#12749).** Dr. Thomas Rowe was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

- 4. Proposal from the College of Medicine to add a secondary concentration in Clinical and Translational Science to the Ph.D. degree with the major of Medical Sciences and a concentration in Pharmacology and Therapeutics (#12744).** Dr. Thomas Rowe was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Agenda items 5-8 were reviewed together at the approval of Council.

- 5. Proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions to add a new graduate concentration in Psychiatric Epidemiology to the major in Epidemiology (#12614).** Dr. Catherine Striley was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- 6. Proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions to add a new graduate concentration in Cancer Epidemiology to the major in Epidemiology (#12612).** Dr. Catherine Striley was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

- 7. Proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions to add a new graduate concentration in Infectious Disease Epidemiology to the major in Epidemiology (#12611).** Dr. Catherine Striley will be present for discussion.

GC Member: I have the same question for #7 and #8 on the agenda regarding the courses. I see they are scheduled to begin in spring 2019. Are the courses ready to be taken now?

Dr. Striley: Right now we are using 6937 as a placeholder course. The classes for this certificate are in process and are moving into approval. If you look at the course on hospital epidemiology, for example, that course went through our college approval process and had a few clean-up points. Now it's ready to go back into the approval system.

GC Member: For the third course, it indicates that other relevant courses can be taken. Will there be a list of these acceptable electives available to the students?

Dr. Striley: Yes, and once a student asks to be able to take a course to count as an epidemiology elective, we add it to the list.

GC Member: I read these individually to see where these courses overlap. Are there overlapping courses and are they a cohesive set?

Dr. Striley: We had one concentration on the books in which no students ever enrolled; I think we had one student who earned it. Based on that, I went to the faculty and told them we had students looking to earn concentrations. They then decided that we would create a concentration, that there would be nine credits and that we didn't want there to be overlap but rather be focused on our faculty's expertise.

GC Member: But the courses in the curriculum can count for more than one concentration?

Dr. Striley: The curriculum itself still has overlap but this concentration is for those who want to go out and say "I have an additional specialization in cancer."

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

- 8. Proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions to add a new graduate concentration in Genetic Epidemiology to the major in Epidemiology (#12615).** Dr. Catherine Striley was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- 9. Proposal from the College of Pharmacy for a revision to the curriculum and to the name of the concentration in Clinical Pharmacy under the major of Pharmaceutical Sciences for the Master of Science in Pharmacy degree (#12913).** Dr. Rhonda Cooper-Dehoff, Dr. Ian Tebbett, Ms. Amanda Elsey, and Ms. Sarah Barker will be present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

DEGREE PROGRAM:

10. **Proposal from the Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology in the College Medicine to establish a new degree program offering M.S. (#12910) and Ph.D. (#12280) degrees in Anatomical Sciences Education, in collaboration with the College of Education.** Dr. Yehia Daaka and Dr. Thomas Rowe will be present for discussion.

GC Member: I wanted to give a little background on this. The College of Education regrets they couldn't be here today. Dr. de Jong had a conflict but I spoke with her and she strongly supports this. I also noticed students in this degree program will be taking some of our research methodology courses, but there isn't a letter here from them. However, I contacted them and they also are supportive. One caveat is they would appreciate knowing a few semesters in advance when a large group of students will be coming so they can make sure there is room, as their classes fill up fast.

Dr. Frierson: This master's program is completely online? Will that be the case for the research courses taken in the College of Education?

Dr. Daaka: Yes, all the courses for the master's are online. The Ph.D. program is not online.

GC Member: Those courses are already available.

GC Member: If it's a degree from the College of Medicine in collaboration with the College of Education, is the degree specific to the college?

Dr. Duncan: It's conferred by the University of Florida, so neither college. We advised the collaborating colleges to pick one path to send the proposal up through, and this is what the colleges decided.

GC Member: I had a question about the schedule. The proposed effective date is spring 2019. Do you still expect it to open next semester?

Dr. Daaka: We have all the courses in place, so in that respect, we are ready to go. From a practical standpoint, I'm not certain at this time. Perhaps we will have to push it back a semester.

Dr. Duncan: If the proposal is approved by this body, it will go to the Faculty Senate twice, once as an information item and once as an action item at the October and November meetings, respectively. Then it still has to go to Provost and Board of Trustees and, because this proposal includes a Ph.D., it will also have to go before the Board of Governors.

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

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

11. Graduate Programs – Additional Mode of Delivery:

- Master of Science in Entrepreneurship-College of Business
- Master of International Business-College of Business
- Master of Science in Management-College of Business

12. Graduate Programs – Online and Self-Funded:

- Master of Science in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation with a concentration in Wildlife Forensic-Sciences and Conservation
- Master of Science in Applied Physiology and Kinesiology with a concentration in Human Performance

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.