GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 17, 2019  
1:00 PM  
GRINTER HALL ROOM 110

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Paul Duncan (Chair), Dr. Henry Baker, Dr. Joyce Bono, Dr. Edward Braun, Dr. Ian Flood, Dr. David Janicke, Dr. Sihong Song, Dr. Jason Blackburn (via ZOOM), Karen Coker (GSC representative)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Kendal Broad-Wright, Dr. Warren Dixon, Dr. Wendy Graham, Dr. James McLeskey, Dr. Lori Pennington-Gray

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. James Estrada (Department of Agronomy), Dr. Chris Wilson (Department of Agronomy), Mr. Romain Gloaguen (Department of Agronomy), Ms. Suzie Burns (Office of the University Registrar), Dr. David Fuller (College of Public Health and Health Professions), Ms. Susan Gardner (College of Medicine), Mr. Dan Hodges (attending on behalf of Mr. Steve Pritz, Office of the University Registrar), Ms. Laura Quintana (Department of Physical Therapy), Ms. Kimberly Mahoney (College of Pharmacy), Brian Marchman (Office of Distance Learning)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Judy Traveis, Ms. Lorna Dishman, Ms. Lisa De LaCure, Ms. Gann Enholm, Ms. Patty Van Wert, Ms. Stacy Wallace

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

Dr. Paul Duncan welcomed everyone to the October meeting of the Graduate Council and explained he would be chairing today’s session as Dr. Frierson is currently away in South Africa on a business trip. Dr. Duncan then introduced our newest member of the committee, Karen Coker. She was recently appointed as the new Graduate Student Council (GSC) representative for the Graduate Council. Her alternate will be Jonathon Orsini.

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Minutes from the September 19, 2019, Graduate Council meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATES:

2. Proposal from the College of Medicine to close the graduate certificate in Translational Health Science (#14147). Ms. Susan Gardner was present for discussion. Dr. Duncan explained this proposal to close this certificate follows a recently approved new certificate planned to replace the outdated one, advising it is better to approve a new program before deleting or terminating the old; this assures students are not caught in the gap. As the new program (#13981) was approved at last month’s meeting, it is now appropriate to accept this proposal. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
CONCENTRATIONS:

3. Proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions for a new graduate concentration in Neuromuscular Plasticity for the Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Science (#13967). Ms. Laura Quintana and Dr. Dave Fuller were present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

4. Proposal from the College of Pharmacy to add Clinical and Translational Science as an additional concentration to the Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences with a primary concentration in Clinical Pharmaceutical Sciences (#14244). Ms. Kimberly Mahoney was present for discussion. Dr. Duncan asked how many students were likely to pursue this concentration. Ms. Mahoney said the numbers are low, perhaps only 1-2 over the next year. She explained, however, the academic unit was only recently made aware this concentration was not available with a primary concentration in Clinical Pharmaceutical Sciences, as all of the other clinical departments offering the major of Pharmaceutical Sciences are able to currently offer the additional concentration of Clinical and Translational Science to their students. It is a natural fit for their program, and students have expressed the intent to pursue this program. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

5. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to revise the curriculum of the concentration in Global Systems Agroecology (#14077). Mr. Romain Gloaguen, Dr. James Estrada, and Dr. Chris Wilson were present for discussion. They are proposing to move from 30 credits to 21 credits with fewer core requirements and more elective options made available to the students. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

6. Combinations, Joint, and Dual Degrees Draft. Dr. Paul Duncan led the discussion, presenting Dr. Brophy’s current policy draft. Dr. Duncan explained differences among and within combined, joint, and dual degree programs. He clarified the issues and concerns of accrediting organization or when looking into and attempting to evaluate this overlap and potential sharing of credit between degrees, indicating one must be able to assure each degree is, on its own merits, a complete, full, and autonomous credential. He also expressed the Graduate School’s area of interest lies with the graduate parts of these programs specifically—not with undergraduate or professional degree portions. Lastly, he advised a final version of this draft will be brought to the committee in the next few upcoming months.

7. Graduate Programs – Approved as online or self-funded.

Dr. Brian Marchman advised there are no new programs to report currently.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.