GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2020
1:00 PM
GRINTER HALL ROOM 110

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson (Chair), Dr. Henry Baker, Dr. Jason Blackburn, Dr. Joyce Bono, Dr. Edward Braun, Dr. Wendy Graham, Dr. James McLeskey, and Ms. Karen Coker (GSC representative)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Kendal Broad-Wright, Dr. Warren Dixon, Dr. Ian Flood, Dr. David Janicke, Dr. Lori Pennington-Gray, and Dr. Sihong Song.

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Eban Bean (College of Agriculture and Life Sciences), Ms. Suzie Burns (Office of the University Registrar/Admissions), Dr. Paul Gulig (College of Medicine), Mr. Dan Hodges (Office of the University Registrar), Dr. Stephan Jahn (College of Medicine), Dr. Eric Kligerman (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Mr. Jamie Kraft (Warrington College of Business), Ms. Kimberly Mahoney (College of Pharmacy), Dr. Brian Marchman (Office of the Provost/Distance Learning), Ms. Ana Portocarrero (Warrington College of Business), and Dr. Nancy Waldron (College of Education).

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Paul Duncan, Dr. Judy Traveis, Ms. Gann Enholm, Mr. Matt Mitterko, Ms. Patty Van Wert, and Ms. Stacy Wallace (Recording).

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

Dr. Henry Frierson welcomed everyone back after the winter break to the January meeting of the Graduate Council, wishing all a happy new year. He then provided a brief overview of the pending proposals to be presented for review by the Graduate Council Members at this meeting.

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. The minutes from the November 21, 2019, meeting of the Graduate Council were presented. A correction was submitted to indicate Dr. Henry Baker was, in fact, present at the November meeting. The minutes had been previously corrected to reflect this correction. In turn, a motion to approve with the noted revision was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATES:

2. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to close the graduate certificate in Wetland Sciences (#14393). Dr. Paul Duncan was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
3. Proposal from the College of Journalism and Communications to close the graduate certificate in Fundraising Management (#13841). Dr. Paul Duncan was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

4. Proposal from the College of Medicine to create a new graduate certificate in Tropical Medicine (#13656). Dr. Paul Gulig was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CONCENTRATIONS:

5. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to modify the curriculum for the graduate concentration in Hydrological Sciences (#14329). Dr. Eban Bean was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

6. Proposal from the departments of Pharmacology & Therapeutics and Physiology and Functional Genomics in the College of Medicine to create a new concentration in Medical Physiology and Pharmacology under the existing Master of Science degree with a major in Medical Sciences (#14399). Dr. Stephan Jahn was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

MAJORS:

7. Proposal from the Warrington College of Business requesting to reduce the amount of credit required for the Master of Science degree with a major in Management from 32 to 30 credits for students with a previous degree in business (#14298). Ms. Ana Portocarrero was present for the discussion. Considerations were discussed explaining why there is a need to provide two tracks of varying credit based on students’ undergraduate experiences, degrees, academic backgrounds, and the skills acquired from their prior undergraduate degrees. Once these reasons were clarified, a motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

8. Proposal from the College of Education requesting to offer online the existing degree of the Doctor of Education with a major in Special Education. Dr. Nancy Waldron was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

DEGREES:

9. Proposal from the Warrington College of Business to reduce the amount of credit required for the existing Master of Science in Entrepreneurship (M.S.E.) degree from 36 to 32 credits (#14294). Mr. Jamie Kraft was present for the discussion. Questions were raised asking how a reduction in credit would not negatively impact the quality of the existing program. Answers were provided by Mr. Kraft and Dr. Duncan advising how the original objectives of the program are still being met with this
proposed change representing a streamlining of offerings. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

10. Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to close the Ph.D. in German (#14467). Dr. Eric Kligerman was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

NAME CHANGES:

11. The College of Pharmacy requests to change the name of the current Pharmacy concentration to Pharmaceutics for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Pharmaceutical Sciences (#14243). Ms. Kimberly Mahoney was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

12. The College of Pharmacy requests to change the name of the current Pharmacy concentration to Pharmaceutics for the M.S.P. degree with a major in Pharmaceutical Sciences (#14563). Ms. Kimberly Mahoney was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

13. Information was presented to Graduate Council Members regarding the process of establishing a nominating committee to draft the initial ballot of potential new Graduate Council members wishing to serve during the academic years 2020-2023 (Enclosure 13).

II. INFORMATION ITEM:

14. Graduate Programs: Approved as distance and self-funded.

Dr. Brian Marchman was present for discussion; however, there were no new distance and self-funded items to present to the council members this month.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.