GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2020
1:00 PM
Teleconference Meeting
(via Zoom from Grinter Hall)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson, Dr. Henry Baker, Dr. Jason Blackburn, Dr. Joyce Bono, Dr. Warren Dixon, Dr. Wendy Graham, Dr. David Janicke, Dr. James McLeskey, Dr. Lori Pennington-Gray, Dr. Sihong Song, and Ms. Karen Coker (GSC representative)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Edward Braun, Dr. Kendal Broad-Wright, and Dr. Ian Flood

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Paul Gulig (College of Medicine), Ms. Kimberley Mahoney (College of Pharmacy), Dr. Brian Marchman (Office of the Provost/Distance Learning), Mr. Robert W. McGarrah (Office of the University Registrar/Admissions), Dr. John Palmer (Philosophy Department, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences), and Mr. Steve Pritz (University Registrar),

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

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

Dr. Frierson welcomed everyone to this month’s meeting of the Graduate Council and gave a brief summary of the pending proposals to be presented to the Council.  

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. The minutes from the February 20, 2020, meeting of the Graduate Council were presented. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATE:

2. Proposal from the College of Medicine to create a new graduate certificate in Medical Microbiology (#13861). Dr. Paul Gulig was present for discussion (Enclosure 2). A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Summer 2020.

CONCENTRATIONS

3. Proposal from the College of Pharmacy to add the Clinical Pharmaceutical Sciences concentration to the M.S.P. degree with a major in Pharmaceutical Sciences (#14642). Ms. Kim Mahoney was present remotely for discussion (Enclosure 3). A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Summer 2020.
4. Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to create a new graduate concentration in Ethics of Technology for the Ph.D. with a major in Philosophy (#14647). Dr. John Palmer was present remotely for discussion (Enclosure 4). A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed elective date of Summer 2020.

5. Proposal from the College of Medicine to create a new graduate concentration in Biomedical Neuroscience for the M.S. with a major in Medical Sciences (#14737). Dr. Sue Semple-Rowland was present for discussion (Enclosure 5). Council member Dr. Wendy Graham questioned the large amount of credit required for the concentration. Drs. Semple-Roland, Baker, and Duncan all elaborated. This concentration is provided under a blanket major but essentially serves as a full program. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Fall 2020.

2020-2023 BALLOT:

6. Approval of the ballot for election to Graduate Council 2020-2023 (Enclosure 6).

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

7. The Department of Spanish & Portuguese Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences closed their combined Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree for the major of Spanish (#14759).

8. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Funded

   There were no new items to report this month. Brian Marchman was available for discussion or for any questions from Graduate Council Members. No discussion occurred.

9. Dr. Frierson added a discussion item regarding the previously approved waiver of the GRE requirement for master-level programs. He reported back to the committee that all units had now responded with their decisions, which have now been coded into the SLATE Admissions System. He indicated that 44% of the master’s programs have now chosen to opt-out of the GRE at the master’s level. He indicated there may be discussions to further extend this to the doctoral level in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.