MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Monika Ardelt, Dr. Henry Baker, Dr. Jason Blackburn, Dr. Joyce Bono, Dr. Edward Braun, Dr. Ian Flood, Dr. Henry Frierson, Dr. Cynthia Griffin, Dr. David Janicke, Dr. Tanya Koropeckyj-Cox, and Ms. Karen Coker (GSC representative)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Prabir Barooah, Dr. Wendy Graham, Dr. Lori Pennington-Gray, and Mr. Jonathan Orsini (GSC alternate)

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Suzie Burns (Office of Admissions), Dr. John Caldwell (College of Engineering), Dr. Janice Carrillo (Warrington College of Business), Dr. Graciela Lorca (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), Dr. Laura Happe (College of Pharmacy), Dr. Randy Hatton (College of Pharmacy), Dr. Brian Marchman (Office of the Provost/Distance Learning), Andrew Noss (Program Coordinator, MDP Program), Mr. Steve Pritz (Office of the University Registrar), and Dr. Eric Triplett (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences)

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Becky Butcher, Dr. Paul Duncan, Ms. Gann Enholm, Dr. Emilia Hodge, Mr. Matt Mitterko, Ms. Francesca Tai (Recording), Dr. Judy Traveis, and Ms. Stacy Wallace.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 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. Minutes from the October 15, 2020 Graduate Council meeting were presented. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATES:

2. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences for a new online graduate certificate in Microbiome and Health (#15264). Dr. Graciela Lorca and Dr. Eric Triplett were present via Zoom for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Spring 2021.

3. Proposal from the College of Pharmacy for a new graduate certificate in Pharmaceutical Value Assessment and Communications (#15256). Dr. Laura Happe and Dr. Randy Hatton were present via Zoom for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Spring 2021.

4. Proposal from the College of Engineering to modify the graduate certificate in Engineering Project Management (#15218). Dr. John Caldwell was present via Zoom for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Spring 2021.

DEGREE:

5. Proposal from the Warrington College of Business to modify the amount of credit required for the Master of Science in Information Systems and Operations Management degree (#14919). Dr. Janice Carrillo was present via Zoom for discussion. It was clarified that the Graduate School does not monitor the maximum credits allowed or required for degree completion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Spring 2021.
POLICY:

6. Internships and doctoral degree education. Dr. Paul Duncan was present via Zoom for discussion. A question was raised about when this goes into effect. It was clarified that it will be implemented as departments pose internships, and information regarding this policy will go out to all departments after approval. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Spring 2021.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

7. The Graduate School administratively approved a minor modification to the curriculum for the major in Sustainable Development Practice (#14617). Dr. Paul Duncan was present via Zoom for discussion.

8. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Funded (No new items) Dr. Brian Marchman was present via Zoom to confirm this and mention items that may be on the horizon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.