MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Monika Ardelt, Dr. Prabir Barooah, Dr. Jason Blackburn, Dr. Joyce Bono, Dr. Edward Braun, Dr. Henry Frierson, Dr. Wendy Graham, Dr. Cynthia Griffin, Dr. Tanya Koropeckyj-Cox, and Ms. Karen Coker (GSC representative)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Henry Baker, Dr. Ian Flood, Dr. David Janicke, Dr. Lori Pennington-Gray, and Mr. Jonathan Orsini (GSC alternate)

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Frank Bosworth (College of Design, Construction and Planning), Dr. Timothy Brophy (Office of the Provost), Ms. Suzie Burns (Office of Admissions), Dr. Steve Foti (College of Public Health and Health Professions & College of Medicine), Dr. Charles Hailey (College of Design, Construction and Planning), Dr. Stephanie Hanson (College of Public Health and Health Professions & College of Medicine), Dr. May Li (College of Engineering), Dr. Brian Marchman (Office of the Provost/Distance Learning), Mr. Steve Pritz (Office of the University Registrar),

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

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. Minutes from the December 10, 2020 Graduate Council meeting were presented. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATES:

2. Proposal from the College of Engineering for a new graduate certificate in Systems Engineering (#15179). Dr. May Li was present via Zoom for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Spring 2021.

CONCENTRATIONS:

3. Proposal from the College of Design, Construction and Planning to create a new graduate concentration in Architecture within the college-wide Ph.D. program major of Design, Construction, and Planning (#15225). Dr. Frank Bosworth and Dr. Charles Hailey were present via Zoom for discussion. They were asked to clarify the Architecture content, courses, and credit hours. Dr. Hailey discussed the full curriculum and clarification of tracks. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed with one opposed, with a proposed effective date of Fall 2021.

4. Proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions and the College of Medicine for a new concentration in Biostatistical Methods and Practice (#15511). Dr. Steve Foti and Dr. Stephanie Hanson were present via Zoom for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Fall 2021
5. Proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions and the College of Medicine for a new concentration in Health Data Science (#15512). Dr. Steve Foti and Dr. Stephanie Hanson were present via Zoom for discussion. It was noted that one of the documents had a typo in the title. Staff will ensure that all documents reflect the concentration name as “Health Data Science”. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Fall 2021.

CURRICULUM MODIFICATION:

6. Proposal from the College of Public Health and Health Professions and the College of Medicine to modify the curriculum for the MS in Biostatistics to accommodate the addition of two new concentrations (#15513). Dr. Steve Foti and Dr. Stephanie Hanson were present via Zoom for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

7. Establish a nominating committee to assist in creating the ballot for new members to serve on Graduate Council for 2021-2024. Dr. Duncan will meet with members Blackburn, Bono, Graham, Pennington, and Coker for plans and their list of nominations.

II. INFORMATION ITEM:

8. Proposal from the College of Engineering for approval to modify the existing Engineering Education graduate certificate. This proposal to modify the amount of required credit was administratively approved with a proposed effective date of Fall 2021.

9. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Funded – Dr. Brian Marchman was present via Zoom to confirm there are no new items.

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.