GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
February 18, 2021
1:00 PM

Teleconference Meeting
(via Zoom)

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

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Suzie Burns (Office of Admissions), Ms. Shannon Chillingworth (Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering), Dr. Robert Fox (Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering), Dr. Cheryl Gater (Office of the Provost), Brian Marchman (Office of the Provost/Distance Learning), Dr. Zhong-Ren Peng (College of Design, Construction and Planning), Ms. Kathy Zemba (Office of the University Registrar),

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:59 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 January 21, 2021, Graduate Council meeting were presented. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATES:

2. Proposal from the College of Design, Construction and Planning for a new interdisciplinary graduate certificate in Urban Analytics (#14936). Dr. Zhong-Ren Peng was 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 Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering for a new graduate certificate in Machine Learning (#14917). Dr. Robert Fox and Ms. Shannon Chillingworth were present via Zoom for discussion. They were asked to clarify the ultimate population targeted for this certificate. Dr. Robert Fox stated it is aimed primarily at students with electrical and computer engineering backgrounds. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of the earliest available.
CONCENTRATIONS:

4. Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to participate in the Clinical & Translational Science concentration for students pursuing the Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Sociology (#15348). Dr. Monika Ardelt was present via Zoom for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of the earliest available in 2021.

5. Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to participate in the Clinical & Translational Science concentration for students pursuing the Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Mathematics (#15349). There was not a representative present via Zoom for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of the earliest available.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

6. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Funded
   Dr. Brian Marchman confirmed there was nothing new to present to the Graduate Council this month as information items.

7. Nominating Committee has been active in creating a list of names for ballot approval from the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.