GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
March 18, 2021
1:00 PM

Teleconference Meeting
(via Zoom)

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

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Timothy Brophy (Office of the Provost), Ms. Suzie Burns (Office of Admissions), Brian Marchman (Office of the Provost/Distance Learning), Ms. Ana Portocarrero (Warrington College of Business), Dr. Jonathan Watson (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), and Ms. Kathy Zemba (Office of the University Registrar)

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Becky Butcher, Dr. Paul Duncan, Ms. Gann Enholm, Ms. Francesca Tai (Recording), Dr. Judy Traveis, Ms. Patty Van Wert, 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 February 18, 2021, 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 graduate certificate in Applications in AI-based SmartAg Systems (#15255). Dr. Jonathan Watson was present via Zoom for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Fall 2021.

DEGREES:

3. Proposal from the Warrington College of Business to create a new combination degree between the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in Marketing and the Master of Science with a major in Business Administration and a concentration in Marketing (#15484). Ana Portocarrero was present via Zoom for discussion. It was questioned if the unit has other similar programs. The other combination degree programs they offer were briefly discussed. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Earliest Available.
2021-2024 BALLOT:

4. Approval of the ballot for election to Graduate Council 2021-2024 (Enclosure 4). Members are to vote for their top 2 choices. A motion to approve the list was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

5. 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. There are four items on the agenda for the next provost workgroup meeting which may show up for Graduate Council next month.

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.