The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

Dr. Duncan 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 November 18, 2021 Graduate Council meeting were presented. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATE:

2. Proposal from the College of Education to modify the graduate certificate in Learning Analytics (#16592). Dr. Albert Ritzhaupt (via Zoom) was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of the earliest available.

CONCENTRATION:

3. Proposal from the College of Education to create a graduate concentration in Critical Study of Race, Ethnicity and Culture in Education (#15856). Dr. Angela Kohnen (via Zoom) was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of the earliest available.

COMBINATION DEGREES:

The Chair sought Council approval for consideration of the first four (4) items from the College of Journalism and Communications as a package. Council concurred.

4. Proposal from the College of Journalism and Communications to create a new combination degree between the Bachelor of Science with a major in Advertising and the Master of Arts in Mass Communication with a major in Mass Communication (#16248). Dr. Thomas Kelleher and Ms. Carrie Martins were present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of the earliest available.

5. Proposal from the College of Journalism and Communications to create a new combination degree between the Bachelor of Science with a major in Journalism and the Master of Arts in Mass Communication with a major in Mass Communication (#16249). Dr. Thomas Kelleher and Ms. Carrie Martins were present for discussion. A
motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of the earliest available.

6. Proposal from the College of Journalism and Communications to create a new combination degree between the Bachelor of Science with a major in Media Production, Management, and Technology and the Master of Arts in Mass Communication with a major in Mass Communication (#16251). Dr. Thomas Kelleher and Ms. Carrie Martins were present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of the earliest available.

7. Proposal from the College of Journalism and Communications to create a new combination degree between the Bachelor of Science with a major in Public Relations and the Master of Arts in Mass Communication with a major in Mass Communication (#16250). Dr. Thomas Kelleher and Ms. Carrie Martins were present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of the earliest available.

8. Proposal from the College of Journalism and Communications to create a new combination degree between bachelor’s degrees other than the listed specific undergraduate majors and the Master of Arts in Mass Communication with a major in Mass Communication (#16430). Dr. Thomas Kelleher and Ms. Carrie Martins were present for discussion. A question was raised regarding how this combination would work. The application process was discussed, and it involves much consult between the student, undergraduate advisor, and Ms. Martins. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of the earliest available.

MAJOR:

9. Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to close the Master of Arts in Teaching with a major in Latin (#16331). Dr. Eleni Bozia (via Zoom) was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of the earliest available.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS / ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

10. Proposal from the College of Medicine to modify the graduate certificate in Anatomical Sciences Education (#16608).

11. Proposal from the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication to cease participation in the Tropical Conservation and Development concentration (#16554).

12. Proposal from the College of Medicine to modify the curriculum for the Anatomical Sciences Education MS Program (#16607).

13. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Funded – Dr. Brian Marchman (via Zoom) presented.
   - Graduate certificate in Agriscience Secondary Teaching
   - Graduate certificate in Leadership in Agricultural and Natural Resources
   - Graduate certificate in Teaching and Learning in Agricultural and Life Sciences

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Duncan presented the topic of Oral Defense Policy. During the pandemic, the University relaxed some of the rules regarding holding an oral defense in person. There is a need to think about and discuss potential changes to the long-standing policies. He asked members to think about this topic, and it will be discussed at a later meeting in the new year.

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.