MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Nicole Stedman (Chair), Dr. Monika Ardelt, Dr. Henry Baker, Dr. Edward Braun, Dr. Ian Flood, Dr. Cynthia Griffin, Dr. David Janicke, Dr. Tanya Koropeckyj-Cox, Dr. Corene Matyas, Dr. K. Ramesh Reddy, Dr. Aner Sela, Ms. Karen Coker (GSC representative), and Paul C. Wassel III (GSC alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Prabir Barooah and Dr. Brenda Chalfin

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Timothy Brophy (Academic Affairs), Dr. Laura Dedenbach (College of Design, Construction and Planning), Dr. Stephan Jahn (College of Medicine), Dr. Maria Leite (Academic Affairs), Dr. Graciela Lorca (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), Dr. Johnathan Orsini (Office of the Provost/Distance Learning), Mr. Steve Pritz (Office of the University Registrar), Dr. Terry Spencer (College of Veterinary Medicine), and Dr. Charles Wood (College of Medicine)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Paul Duncan, Ms. Gann Enholm, Ms. Francesca Tai (Recording), Ms. Patty Van Wert, and Ms. Stacy Wallace

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

Dr. Stedman 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.

1. **ACTION ITEMS:**
   1. Minutes from the February 17, 2022 Graduate Council Meeting were presented. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

2. **CONCENTRATIONS:**
   2. The College of Medicine seeks to create a graduate concentration in Medical Physiology and Aging (#16837). Dr. Stephan Jahn was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A question was asked regarding the link between this proposal and item #6. It was clarified by Dr. Charles Wood that these two proposals are not linked together. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Fall 2022.

   3. The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences seeks to create a graduate concentration in Microbiome in Health & Disease (#16937). Dr. Graciela Lorca 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.

   4. The College of Veterinary Medicine seeks to modify the curriculum for the MS concentration in Shelter Medicine (#16529). Dr. Terry Spencer 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.
COMBINATION DEGREE:

5. The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to create a combination degree between any bachelor’s degree and the Master of Urban and Regional Planning (#16841). Dr. Laura Dedenbach was present (via Zoom) for discussion. Clarification was asked regarding how being open to such a broad set of students is managed. Dr. Dedenbach described the internal evaluations and how she works together with the students and advisors from other colleges. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of the earliest available.

DEPARTMENT MERGER:

6. The College of Medicine seeks to merge the Department of Aging and Geriatric Research with the Department of Physiology and Functional Genomics. The future name will be the Department of Physiology and Aging (#16944). Dr. Charles Wood 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.

2022-2025 BALLOT:

7. Approval of the ballot for election to Graduate Council 2022-2025. The current list of names and how best to narrow them down was discussed. Council approved a proposal to construct a ballot containing nine (9) nominees.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS / ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

8. The College of Education seeks to close the graduate certificate in Education and Health Care Transition (#16842). Dr. Duncan was present to describe. No questions or objections were raised.

9. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences seeks to close the MAT in Political Science – International Relations (#16322). Dr. Duncan was present to describe. No questions or objections were raised.

10. The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences seeks to modify the curriculum for the Master of Science in Microbiology and Cell Science (#16832). Dr. Duncan was present to describe. No questions or objections were raised.

11. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Funded – No new items. Dr. Johnathan Orsini was present (via Zoom) to confirm.

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.