MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Nicole Stedman (Chair), Dr. Monika Ardelt, Dr. Linda Bloom, Dr. J.C. Bunch, Dr. James Essegbey, Dr. Hitomi Greenslet, Dr. Tanya Koropeckyj-Cox, Dr. Corene Matyas, Dr. K. Ramesh Reddy, Dr. Aner Sela, Dr. Marta Wayne, Mr. Paul C. Wassel III (GSC representative), and Mr. Alexander Wong (GSC alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Cynthia Griffin and Dr. Timothy Murtha

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Bahar Armaghani (College of Design, Construction and Planning), Dr. Mike Griffis (College of Engineering), Dr. Stephanie Hanson (College of Public Health and Health Professions), Diana Hull (Office of the Registrar), Dr. Maria Leite (Academic Affairs), Dr. Johnathan Orsini (Office of the Provost/Distance Learning), Dr. Parisa Rashidi (College of Engineering), Mr. Tobin Shorey (Undergraduate Curriculum Committee), Dr. Heather Steingraber (College of Pharmacy), Ms. Ashley Tidwell (Office of Admissions), and Dr. Cyntrice Thomas (College of Health and Human Performance)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Tom Kelleher, Ms. Gann Enholm, Ms. Frankie Tai (Recording), and Ms. Patty Van Wert

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 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.

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Minutes from the November 17, 2022 Graduate Council Meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATES:

2. The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering seeks to create a graduate certificate in Sustainable and Resilient Energy Engineering (#16815). Dr. Mike Griffis was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

3. The College of Pharmacy seeks to close the graduate certificate in Medication Safety and Quality Systems (#17403). Dr. Heather Steingraber was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of fall 2022.

CONCENTRATIONS:

The Chair sought Council approval for consideration of the five (5) items from the College of Education as a package. Council concurred.
4. The College of Public Health and Health Professions seeks to add the Cancer Epidemiology graduate concentration as a secondary concentration for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a major in Epidemiology (#17842). Dr. Stephanie Hanson present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

5. The College of Public Health and Health Professions seeks to add the Genetic Epidemiology graduate concentration as a secondary concentration for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a major in Epidemiology (#17880). Dr. Stephanie Hanson was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

6. The College of Public Health and Health Professions seeks to add the Gero-Epidemiology graduate concentration as a secondary concentration for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a major in Epidemiology (#17843). Dr. Stephanie Hanson was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

7. The College of Public Health and Health Professions seeks to add the Infectious Disease Epidemiology graduate concentration as a secondary concentration for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a major in Epidemiology (#17844). Dr. Stephanie Hanson was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

8. The College of Public Health and Health Professions seeks to add the Psychiatric Epidemiology graduate concentration as a secondary concentration for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a major in Epidemiology (#17841). Dr. Stephanie Hanson was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

DEGREE:

9. The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering seeks to create a Master of Science (M.S.) degree with a major in Artificial Intelligence Systems (#16105). Dr. Parisa Rashidi was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of fall 2023.

COMBINATION DEGREES:

10. The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to create a combination degree program between the Bachelor of Science in Sustainability and the Built Environment (B.S.S.B.E.) with a major in Sustainability and the Built Environment and the Master of Integrated Sustainable Development (M.I.S.D.) with a major in Integrated Sustainable Development (#17317). Dr. Bahar Armaghani was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of fall 2022.

11. The College of Health and Human Performance seeks to modify the combination degree program between the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) with a major in Sport Management and the Master of Science (M.S.) with a major in Sport Management (#17266). Dr. Cyntrice Thomas was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of spring 2023.
II. INFORMATION ITEM / ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

12. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Funded (No new items)

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Graduate faculty status for professional faculty. Discussed the process for nominations and approvals, including processes for faculty in professional programs who do not receive approval upon hire in the same manner as faculty who are hired into tenure-accruing positions at the position of assistant professor or higher in departments that offer graduate degrees. Related questions will remain open for Graduate Council discussion. Meetings to discuss this topic with other deans and colleges will take place in the spring.

- Admissions of graduate students with other graduate or professional degrees in progress. This discussion centered around applicants for admission who report other degrees in progress at the time of their application, especially when applicants report as part of their application that they expect to complete the outside degree before matriculation to the UF program to which they are applying. This raises questions of whether completion of these outside degrees need to be confirmed by the departments or the Office of Admissions in cases in which the outside degree is not a requirement for admission. Staff will continue to look into the issue and suggest changes to the process for consideration at future meetings if deemed appropriate.

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.