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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Aner Sela and Dr. Marta Wayne

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Kara Casy (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), Dr. Mike Griffis (College of Engineering), Diana Hull (Office of the Registrar), Dr. Maria Leite (Academic Affairs), Robert McGarrah (Office of Admissions), Ruth McIlhenny (Levin College of Law), Dr. Johnathan Orsini (Office of the Provost/Distance Learning), Dr. Tobin Shorey (Undergraduate Curriculum Committee), and Dr. Siva Srinivasan (College of Engineering)

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 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 January 19, 2023 Graduate Council Meeting (Enclosure 1). A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATES:

2. The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences seeks to close the graduate certificate in Global Agroecology (#18043). Dr. Kara Casy was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Fall 2023.

The Chair sought Council approval for consideration of five (5) of the items from the College of Engineering as a package (3, 4, 5, 7, & 8). Council concurred.

3. The College of Engineering seeks to modify the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Advanced Manufacturing (#17941). Dr. Michael 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.
4. The College of Engineering seeks to modify the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Control Systems (#17951). Dr. Michael 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.

5. The College of Engineering seeks to modify the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Energy Management (#17939). Dr. Michael 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.

6. The College of Engineering seeks to suspend the graduate certificate in Gas Turbines (#17942). Dr. Michael Griffis was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Spring 2023 to Spring 2025.

7. The College of Engineering seeks to modify the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Scientific Computing (#17946). Dr. Michael 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.

8. The College of Engineering seeks to modify the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Solar Energy (#17944). Dr. Michael 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.

CONCENTRATION:

9. The College of Engineering seeks to create a graduate concentration in Transportation Leadership (#17867). Dr. Siva Srinivasan was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

MAJORS:

10. The College of Engineering seeks to close the Master of Engineering with a major in Aerospace Engineering (#17737). Dr. Michael 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.

11. The College of Engineering seeks to close the Master of Engineering with a major in Mechanical Engineering (#17736). Dr. Michael 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.

12. The College of Engineering seeks to modify the curriculum for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a major in Computer Engineering (#17586). Dr. Joseph Wilson was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
COMBINATION DEGREES:

13. The Levin College of Law seeks to reaffirm the combination degree program between the Master of Arts (M.A.) with a major in Political Science – International Relations and the Juris Doctor (J.D.) with a major in Law (#17346). Ruth McIlhenny, J.D. was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

14. The Levin College of Law seeks to reaffirm the combination degree program between the Master of Arts (M.A.) with a major in Political Science and the Juris Doctor (J.D.) with a major in Law (#17345). Ruth McIlhenny, J.D. was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

II. INFORMATION ITEM / ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

15. Graduate Curriculum Committee – January Minutes and February Agenda.

16. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Funded – No new items

III. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- Final term registration requirement
  Discussion regarding the 3-credit minimum for registration and the possibility/parameters of reducing it to 1 credit.

- Ballot for new Council members
  Council members are to create a list of 6 or more candidates. Once an initial pool is created, current Grad Council members and the provost will select faculty to join.

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.