GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 21, 2019  
1:00 PM  
GRINTER HALL ROOM 110

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson (Chair), Dr. Karen Bjorndal, Dr. Joyce Bono, Dr. Kendal Broad-Wright, Dr. Wendy Graham, Dr. Raymond Issa, Dr. Lori Pennington-Gray, Dr. Sihong Song, Mr. Seth Assan (GSC rep)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jason Blackburn, Dr. David Bloom, Dr. Warren Dixon, Dr. Bruce MacFadden, Dr. James McLeskey, Mr. Glen Billesbach (GSC alternate)

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Suzie Burns (Office of the University Registrar), Dr. Bruce Carroll (College of Design, Construction, and Planning), Dr. Stephen Dodd (College of Health and Human Performance), Dr. Christopher Janelle (College of Health and Human Performance), Mr. Chris Newsom (Distance and Continuing Education), Mr. Steve Pritz (Office of the University Registrar), Dr. Hans van Oostrom (Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering)

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Caroline Lentz, Dr. Judy Traveis, Ms. Patty Van Wert, Ms. Stacy Wallace

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

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Minutes from the March 21, 2019, Graduate Council meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CONCENTRATION:

1. Proposal from the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering to enter into the concentration in Clinical and Translational Science for the PhDs in Mechanical Engineering and Aerospace Engineering (#13044). Dr. Bruce Carroll was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

2019-2022 BALLOT:

2. Approval of the ballot for election to Graduate Council 2019-2022. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENTS:

3. Proposal from the College of Health and Human Performance to create a new Department of Sport Management and a Department of Tourism, Hospitality, & Event Management (#13381). Dr. Christopher Janelle was present for discussion.

GC Member: Are there any issues with the current graduate students regarding this proposal?

Dr. Janelle: This transition should be rather seamless. Faculty in the department already clearly align with the degree programs, concentrations and the PhD. Faculty also align with specific students they are working with, and the students align with their mentors and the degree programs. It will be an even split.

GC Member: Has there been a survey taken to gauge how the graduate students feel about this proposal?

Dr. Dodd: We’ve had informal conversations and there are no objections. The students see it as a seamless transition as well.

GC Member: Should every program have its own department?

Dr. Janelle: In this case, the rationale is in the inherent separation that already exists between these two groups. After this department was formed fifteen years ago, they have existed independently in everything, from the theoretical roots of the work done in each department all the way through the academic programs. The faculty in both programs have a very cordial relationship, but there is not much collaboration from a research and education standpoint. And having both programs in one department obscures the focus of that program and makes it difficult to articulate the program’s mission.
GC Member: How many other departments are there in the college?
Dr. Janelle: There are two other departments, Applied Kinesiology and Physiology, and Health Education and Behavior.
A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

4. Proposal from the College of Engineering to create a Department of Engineering Education (#13704). Dr. Hans van Oostrom was present for discussion.
GC Member: Who do you see as the student draw?
Dr. van Oostrom: We want to now create a PhD in Engineering Education. We’ve had initial talks and wanted to create the department first and the PhD program second so it would have a home. We already have faculty interested, and there are also faculty members from other departments who are doing research in Engineering Education. The Graduate Council previously approved a graduate certificate in Engineering Education, but now we want to take the next step and create the PhD.
GC Member: Is there any relationship with the College of Education?
Dr. van Oostrom: Yes, there is a support letter from the College of Education included, and we have also had discussions about collaborating in the future.
A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

5. Combined Degree Program Policy.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.