MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson (Chair), Dr. Henry Baker, Dr. Jason Blackburn, Dr. Joyce Bono, Dr. Ian Flood, Dr. Wendy Graham, Dr. David Janicke, Dr. James McLeskey, Dr. Lori Pennington-Gray, Dr. Sihong Song, and Jonathan Orsini (GSC alternate representative)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Edward Braun, Dr. Kendal Broad-Wright, and Dr. Warren Dixon.

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Timothy Brophy (Office of the Provost), Ms. Suzie Burns (Office of Admissions), Ms. Sarah Carlson (Warrington College of Business), Dr. Glenn Israel (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), Mr. Gus Kreatsoulas (Warrington College of Business), Brian Marchman (Office of Distance Learning), Dr. Heather McAuslane (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), Ms. Nancy McIlrath-Glanville (Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering), Dr. Bonnie Moradi (Center for Gender, Sexualities, and Women’s Studies Research), Dr. Candice Prince (Department of Agronomy), Mr. Steve Pritz (Office of the University Registrar), and Dr. Ramesh Reddy (School of Natural Resources and Environment).

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Paul Duncan, Dr. Judy Traveis, Ms. Gann Enholm, Ms. Patty Van Wert, Ms. Stacy Wallace (Recording)

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

Dr. Henry Frierson welcomed everyone to the November meeting of the Graduate Council and gave a brief overview of the pending proposals under review by the Graduate Council Members for this meeting.

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Minutes from the October 17, 2019, Graduate Council meeting.
   A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATES:

2. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to create a new graduate certificate in Weed Science (#12696). Dr. Candice Prince was present for the discussion. 
   A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

3. Proposal from the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering to close the graduate certificate in Manufacturing Systems Engineering (#14134). Dr. Paul Duncan was present for the discussion.
   A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

4. Proposal from the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering to close the graduate certificate in Sustainable Engineering (#11783). Ms. Nancy McIlrath-Glanville was present for the discussion.
   A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
5. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to close the graduate certificate in Wetlands (#14114). Dr. Paul Duncan was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

6. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to create a new graduate certificate in Agriscience Secondary Teaching Preparation (#14234). Dr. Glenn Israel was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CONCENTRATIONS:

7. Proposal from the Warrington College of Business to create a new graduate concentration in Business Analytics for the Master of Business Administration degree (#14291). Ms. Sarah Carlson and Mr. Gus Kreatsoulas were present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

8. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to add the graduate concentration in Global Systems Agroecology to the Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Ecology (#13895). Dr. Ramesh Reddy was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

9. Proposal from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to add the graduate concentration in Global Systems Agroecology to the Ph.D. in Entomology and Nematology (#13860). Dr. Heather McAuslane was present for discussion (Enclosure 9). A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

MAJOR:

10. Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to modify the curriculum for the Master of Arts degree with a major in Women’s Studies (#13814). Dr. Bonnie Moradi was present for discussion (Enclosure 10). A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

11. An information item was shared with the members of the Graduate Council for redistribution within their academic units regarding how to help students through mental health issues. This material was presented in order to provide some of the resources available to Graduate Coordinators and staff members when presented with a student showing signs of distress. The information was received positively by the members of the Graduate Council. Further discussions took place, reiterating the importance of not only sharing this information with the staff but also with the faculty as well. Committee members reiterated the importance of not only referring students to the proper resources but also the need to take action in situations like these, and to consult others with expertise in this field rather than attempting to navigate these situations on their own. They also reiterated the importance of follow-through, including such actions as taking the student directly to an appropriate service provider rather than simple referrals to these resources.
12. Graduate Programs – Approved as self-funded and distance

- Master of Science in Architectural Studies with a concentration in Themed Environments Integration

- Graduate certificate in Themed Environments Integration

Dr. Brian Marchman was present for discussion. He advised these programs are already offered within the existing UF Graduate curriculum. They are presently provided off-campus as part of UF’s initiative, known as CityLab of Orlando. They were just recently approved as self-funded.

III. ADDITIONAL ITEMS PROVIDED TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

A brochure authored by the Graduate School showing the current graduate certificate offerings was provided to all attendees of the Graduate Council meeting for sharing with their academic units. The information was received favorably with members expressing that they were not aware of the vast number of the offerings available throughout the university.

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.