

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2023

1:00 PM

110 GRINTER HALL
Teleconference (Via Zoom)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Nicole Stedman (Chair), Dr. J.C. Bunch, Dr. Hitomi Greenslet, Dr. Kristin Larsen, Dr. Michael Martinez, Dr. Corene Matyas, Dr. Connie Mulligan, Dr. K. Ramesh Reddy, Dr. Aner Sela, Dr. Joni Williams Splett, Dr. Marta Wayne, Kevin Senior (GSC rep) and Jasleen Kaur (GSC alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Linda Bloom and Dr. James Essegbey

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Casey Bullock (University Registrar), Dr. Bert Flanagan (College of Medicine), Dr. Paul Gulig (College of Medicine), Diana Hull (Office of the Registrar), Dr. Konstantinos Kapparis (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Dr. Maria Leite (Academic Affairs), Dr. Johnathan Orsini (Office of the Provost/Teaching and Technology), Dr. Terje Ostebo (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Dr. Ivan Ruchkin (College of Engineering), Dr. Tobin Shorey (Undergraduate Curriculum Committee), Dr. Deborah Smith (College of Medicine), and Ashley Tidwell (Office of Admissions)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Tom Kelleher, Gann Enholm, Dr. Brittany Hollister, Megan Lewis, Dr. Talline Martins, Hannah Potter, Frankie Tai (Recording), Patty Van Wert, and 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.

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Minutes from the September 21, 2023 Graduate Council Meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATES:

2. The College of Medicine seeks to create an online graduate certificate in Medical Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (#18719). Dr. Deborah Smith and Dr. Bert Flanagan were present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of Spring 2024.
3. The College of Medicine seeks to terminate the graduate certificate in Tropical Medicine (#17707). Dr. Paul Gulig was present for discussion. It was discussed that no students were ever enrolled in this certificate. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

DEGREES:

4. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences seeks to close the Master of Arts (M.A.) with a major in Classical Studies (#18729). Dr. Konstantinos Kapparis was present for discussion. It was explained

that this was partially a result of low enrollment (fewer than 15 students in 5 years). The last term that the program will graduate students is Summer 2027. Any student remaining in the program after Summer 2027 will enroll in the Master of Latin program. Faculty and staff who have taught courses and served to support the MA in Classical Studies also teach and support the Master of Latin, which will remain active. Therefore, neither faculty nor staff will be impacted by the program closure, and the closure will not require redeployment or new employment. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective Termination Term of Fall 2024 and Phase-Out Term of 2027.

5. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences seeks to close the Master of Arts (M.A.) with a major in Religion (#18752). Dr. Terje Ostebo was present for discussion. It was explained that this was partially a result of low enrollment. With no current M.A. students in the Religion major and no students seeking admission, the department is directing students and funding to the active Ph.D. program in Religion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective Termination Term and Phase-Out Term of Spring 2024.

II. INFORMATION ITEM / ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

6. Graduate Curriculum Committee – September Minutes and October Agenda.

7. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Supporting

The College of Education was approved for state-funded online delivery in addition to the currently approved on campus delivery for the Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) with a major in Curriculum and Instruction

<https://secure.aa.ufl.edu/Approval/reports/18954>

There are no changes to the SLOs or structure of the program; they are just formally accounting for an existing online option.

8. Graduate Student Success Center

Dr. Talline Martins and Dr. Brittany Hollister shared information regarding upcoming graduate student orientations and workshop sessions.

III. DISCUSSION ITEM:

9. Process for Appointing Special Members to Supervisory Committees

Dr. Tom Kelleher and Dr. Ivan Ruchkin discussed the process for appointing special members to supervisory committees. Potential options for reducing administrative work were introduced, including developing an option for special members to serve without requiring the attainment of a UFID. The Council generally favored reducing administrative burden, but also raised questions about FERPA and RISC compliance. Dr. Kelleher will research implications for student privacy and research/data security and continue to explore the feasibility of options to ease the process for students, faculty, departments and special members.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.