

# GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

1:00 PM

110 GRINTER HALL

Teleconference (Via Zoom)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Nicole Stedman (Chair), Dr. Linda Bloom, Dr. J.C. Bunch, Dr. James Essegbey, Dr. Hitomi Greenslet, Dr. Kristin Larsen, Dr. Michael Martinez, Dr. Corene Matyas, Dr. Connie Mulligan, Dr. Joni Williams Splett, Kevin Senior (GSC rep), and Jasleen Kaur (GSC alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. K. Ramesh Reddy, Dr. Aner Sela, and Dr. Marta Wayne

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Casey Bullock (University Registrar), Dr. Wendell Cropper (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), Dr. Megan Forbes (English Language Institute), Dr. Paul Gulig (College of Medicine), Diana Hull (Office of the Registrar), Dr. Dmitry Kopelevich (Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering), Dr. Bojan Lazarevic (College of Education), Dr. Maria Leite (Academic Affairs), Dr. Heather McAuslane (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), Emely McKitrick (College of Pharmacy), Dr. Johnathan Orsini (Office of the Provost/Teaching and Technology), Ethel Porras (UF International Center), Dr. Teresa Roane (College of Pharmacy), Dr. Tobin Shorey (Undergraduate Curriculum Committee), and Ashley Tidwell (Office of Admissions)

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

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. (Prior to calling the meeting to order, Dr. Stedman informed everyone that today's Zoom meeting was being recorded.)

## I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Minutes from the January 18, 2024, Graduate Council Meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

## CERTIFICATE:

2. The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences seeks to modify the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Ecological Restoration (#19137). Dr. Wendell Cropper was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

## CONCENTRATIONS:

3. The College of Medicine seeks to create a graduate concentration in Molecular Genetics and Microbiology for the Master of Science (M.S.) with a major in Medical Sciences (#19112). Dr. Paul Gulig was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of fall 2024.

4. The College of Pharmacy seeks to change the name of their concentration from Individualized Medicine to Clinical Pharmacogenomics and Precision Medicine and modify the curriculum (#19385). Dr. Teresa Roane and Emely McKitrick were present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

#### **MAJOR MODIFICATION:**

5. The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering seeks to modify the curriculum for the Master of Science (M.S.) with a major in Chemical Engineering (#18822). Dr. Dmitry Kopelevich was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of fall 2024.

#### **COMBINATION DEGREE:**

6. The College of Education seeks to create a combination degree program between the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) with a major in Education Sciences and the Master of Education (M.Ed.) with a major in Curriculum and Instruction and a concentration in Educational Technology (#18833). Dr. Bojan Lazarevic was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

#### **I-20 AND ADMISSION TIMELINES:**

7. The International Center seeks to formally approve the I-20 Process and Admissions Timing. Ms. Ethel Porras was present (via Zoom) for discussion. It was clarified that this is for new/initial students and not transfers. Transfer students would have technically completed the process and only need to share documentation. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

## **II. INFORMATION ITEM / ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:**

8. Graduate Curriculum Committee – January Minutes and February Agenda (Enclosure 8).

9. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Supporting

The following programs have been approved for self-supporting status by the provost effective Summer 2024:

- Graduate certificate AI in Pharmacy – College of Pharmacy
- Graduate certificate in Forensic Science – College of Pharmacy
- Graduate certificate in Occupational Toxicology – College of Pharmacy
- Graduate certificate in Advanced DNA Technology – College of Pharmacy
- Graduate certificate in Medical Biochemistry – College of Medicine
- MS with a major in Microbiology and Cell Science with a Concentration in Microbiome in Health and Disease – College of Agricultural Medicine

10. Graduate Student Success Center

Dr. Talline Martins was present to share updates.

- Graduate Student Appreciation Week is April 1-5 with Graduate Research Day on April 2.
- A memo for orientation events will be distributed.

## **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

11. Faculty Senate Bylaws

Dr. Kelleher discussed bylaws and the need to adjust wording regarding the Graduate Coordinators

Advisory Council and the Graduate Curriculum Committee. He will bring recommended changes to the constitution committee and Faculty Senate.

12. Duolingo – Should we consider allowing this test in addition to IELTS and TOEFL?

Dr. Heather McAuslane and Dr. Megan Forbes were present to discuss the test's timing, cost, and skill recognition. Further questions were raised regarding security, testing centers, and the validity of it as an academic test. No consensus was reached.

13. Certificate policy – In cases in which a program offers a master's program and graduate certificate of the exact same name, should we allow students who are leaving the master's program to be awarded a certificate if they have already completed all the required courses? Questions were raised regarding the time limit for applying and the impact of SLO reporting. More information needed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.