

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 18, 2024

1:00 PM

110 GRINTER HALL Teleconference (Via Zoom)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Linda Bloom, Dr. James Essegbey, Dr. Hitomi Greenslet, Dr. Michael Martinez, Dr. Corene Matyas, Dr. Connie Mulligan, Dr. K. Ramesh Reddy, and Kevin Senior (GSC rep)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Nicole Stedman (Chair), Dr. J.C. Bunch, Dr. Kristin Larsen, Dr. Aner Sela, Dr. Joni Williams Splett, Dr. Marta Wayne, and Jasleen Kaur (GSC alternate)

GUESTS PRESENT: Nancy Clark (College of Design, Construction and Planning), Dr. Darragh Devine (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Dr. Jorge Hernandez (College of Veterinary Medicine), Dr. Maria Leite (Academic Affairs), Dr. Johnathan Orsini (Office of the Provost/Teaching and Technology), Dr. Janet Robishaw (College of Veterinary Medicine), Dr. Tobin Shorey (Undergraduate Curriculum Committee), Dr. Cyntrice Thomas (College of Health and Human Performance), and Ashley Tidwell (Office of Admissions)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Tom Kelleher, 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. Kelleher 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. Kelleher informed everyone that today's Zoom meeting was being recorded.)

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Minutes from the March 21, 2024, Graduate Council Meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CONCENTRATIONS:

2. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences seeks to participate in the existing interdisciplinary concentration in Clinical and Translational Science for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a major in Psychology (#19548). Dr. Darragh Devine was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of summer 2024.
3. The College of Health and Human Performance seeks to modify the curriculum for the concentration in Sport Management for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a major in Health and Human Performance (#19618). Dr. Cyntrice Thomas was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

DEGREE:

4. The College of Veterinary Medicine seeks to create a new degree in Comparative Biomedical Sciences for the Master of Science (M.S.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (#18414). Dr. Jorge Hernandez and Dr. Janet Robishaw were present for discussion. Dr. Hernandez shared a PowerPoint presentation detailing the

plans behind the degree proposals. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of fall 2024.

CERTIFICATE POLICY:

5. Certificate policy – In cases in which a program offers a graduate program (e.g., master’s) and graduate certificate of the same name, students who withdraw from the master’s program may be awarded the certificate with the same name if they have already completed all the required courses and the department approves. Dr. Tom Kelleher was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

II. INFORMATION ITEM / ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

6. Graduate Curriculum Committee – March Minutes and April Agenda (Enclosure 6).
7. The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to modify the curriculum for the Master of Integrated Sustainable Development (M.I.S.D.) degree with a major in Integrated Sustainable Development (#19662). The proposal was administratively approved with a proposed effective date of fall 2024.
8. Update on the Graduate Council election 2024-2027
The Graduate School has selected Dr. Abdoulaye Kane and Dr. Pilar Useche based on results of the Graduate Faculty election. The provost’s office will select the other two members.
9. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Supporting (No new items)
Dr. Orsini shared that a few concentration proposals were recently approved, and they will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.
10. Graduate Student Success Center
Dr. Talline Martins shared the new changes in roles for the employees of the center.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.