

# GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2024

1:00 PM

## 110 GRINTER HALL Teleconference (Via Zoom)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Nicole Stedman (Chair), Dr. Linda Bloom, Dr. James Essegbey, 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. J.C. Bunch

GUESTS PRESENT: Martine Angrand (International Student Services), Dr. Casey Bullock (University Registrar), Dr. George Cunningham (College of Health and Human Performance), Dr. Oliver Grundmann (College of Pharmacy), Diana Hull (Office of the Registrar), Dr. Maria Leite (Academic Affairs), Dr. Bill McElroy (Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering ), Dr. Johnathan Orsini (Office of the Provost/Teaching and Technology), Ashley Tidwell (Office of Admissions), and Dr. Eric Triplett (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences)

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 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 December 14, 2023, Graduate Council Meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

### **CERTIFICATES:**

**The Chair sought Council approval for consideration of the two (2) items from the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering as a package. Council concurred.**

2. The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering seeks to modify the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Engineering Leadership (#18936). Dr. Bill McElroy was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
3. The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering seeks to modify the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Engineering Project Management (#18937). Dr. Bill McElroy was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

## **CONCENTRATIONS:**

4. The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences seeks to create an online graduate concentration in Microbial and Cellular Data Science for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (#18948). Dr. Eric Triplett was present for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
5. The College of Pharmacy seeks to close the graduate concentration in Personalized Medicine for the Master of Science in Pharmacy (M.S.P) with a major in Pharmaceutical Sciences (#19120). Dr. Oliver Grundmann was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective Termination Term of summer 2024 and Phase-Out Term of fall 2026.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

6. Establish a nominating committee to assist in creating the ballot for new members to serve on the Graduate Council for 2024-2027.  
Dr. Kelleher discussed the rotation of the current members and asked them to consider nominations for new members for both the Graduate Council and Graduate Curriculum Committee.

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

7. Graduate Curriculum Committee – December Minutes and January Agenda.
8. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Supporting – (No new items)  
Dr. Jonathan Orsini shared that several new proposals were approved yesterday, and they will be presented at the February meeting.
9. Graduate Student Success Center
  - Late hires for spring semester: Graduate School will review petitions for GA late hires through January 26. After that, they will be reviewed by Provost.
  - January is Mentoring Month we have Mentoring Panel and a Speaker closing out the month.
  - Graduate Student Appreciation Week is April 1-5 with Graduate Research Day on April 2.Dr. Traveis was present to share updates for the Graduate Student Success Center.

## **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

10. I-20 Process- Admissions Timing. Dr. Marta Wayne and Martine Angrand were present for discussion. Handouts were shared detailing application timing and processing. There is intent to present an action item for policy at the February meeting.
11. Proposal from the College of Health and Human Performance for an online Ph.D. in Health and Human Performance: Concentration in Executive Sport Business. Dr. George Cunningham was present for discussion. He gave a brief description of the intended proposal and shared handouts outlining the details.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.