

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

OCTOBER 24, 2024

1:00 PM

110 GRINTER HALL & Teleconference (Via Zoom)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Nicole Stedman (Chair), Dr. Linda Bloom, Dr. James Jawitz, Dr. Hitomi Greenslet, Dr. Abdoulaye Kane, Dr. Michael Martinez, Dr. Linjuan Rita Men, Dr. Connie Mulligan, Dr. Joni Williams Splett, Dr. Marta Wayne, Dr. Weizhou Zhang, Kevin Senior (GSC rep), and Fatima Akinola (GSC alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. J.C. Bunch and Dr. Pilar Useche

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Casey Bullock (University Registrar), Dr. Jeremy Flint (College of Medicine), Dr. Oliver Grundmann (College of Pharmacy), Diana Hull (Office of the Registrar), Dr. Stephan Jahn (College of Medicine), Emely McKitrick (College of Pharmacy), Kim Mahoney (College of Pharmacy), Melissa Naidu (College of Medicine), Nicole Vonda (Office of the Provost/Teaching and Technology), Ashley Tidwell (Office of Admissions), and Lissette Toletino (Office of Institutional Assessment)

STAFF PRESENT: Lorna Dishman, Dr. Mimi Gammons, Dr. Tom Kelleher, Megan Lewis, Chelsea Rojas, Dr. Lerah Sutton, 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. (Prior to calling the meeting to order, Dr. Stedman informed everyone that today's Zoom meeting was being recorded.)

I. ACTION ITEM:

1. Minutes from the September 19, 2024, Graduate Council Meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATE:

2. The College of Medicine seeks to modify the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Biomedical Neuroscience (#20444). Melissa Naidu and Dr. Jeremy Flint were present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

CONCENTRATION:

3. The College of Medicine seeks to create a concentration in AI and Drug Discovery for the Master of Science (M.S.) with a major in Medical Sciences (#20593). Dr. Stephan Jahn was present (via Zoom) for discussion. Dr. Oliver Grundman from the College of Pharmacy was also present (via Zoom) to request that the proposal be held to allow more time for the

two colleges to discuss content overlap. A motion to table the proposal until there is more consultation between units was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

FINAL TERM REGISTRATION:

4. Final Term Registration. Dr. Michael Martinez was present for discussion. A handout with options for proposed language updates was distributed prior to the meeting and displayed during the discussion. A motion to approve the first update option was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of spring 2025 for graduating students. Approved language would change the word "the" to "a", so the operative sentence of the statement would read, "Non-thesis students must enroll in coursework that counts toward a graduate degree." The edited language will be updated in the graduate catalog and the end of the current semester.

II. INFORMATION ITEM / ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

5. Graduate Curriculum Committee – September Minutes and October Agenda
6. College of Medicine department merger of Physiology and Aging and Anatomy and Cell Biology. This item was shared by the Provost's office as information, and the merged department will use the title of Physiology and Aging.
7. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Supporting (No new items)
Nicole Vonda was present (via Zoom) to confirm.
8. Graduate Student Success Center
Dr. Mimi Gammons was present to share information regarding the BRIDGE (Building Retention in Doctoral Graduate Education) program for 2025, formerly known as the BOE (Board of Education) summer program.

There will also be a Graduate School Open House event on November 1st. The event will be an opportunity to connect with our campus partners and share information.

The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.