

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 21, 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. Connie Mulligan, Dr. Joni Williams Splett, Dr. Weizhou Zhang, Kevin Senior (GSC rep), and Fatima Akinola (GSC alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. J.C. Bunch, Dr. Linjuan Rita Men, Dr. Pilar Useche, and Dr. Marta Wayne

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Casey Bullock (University Registrar), Chris Cook (College of Education), Dr. Cheryl Gater (Associate Provost and Director), Dr. Oliver Grundmann (College of Pharmacy), Diana Hull (Office of the Registrar), Dr. Stephan Jahn (College of Medicine), Dr. Jatinder Lamba (College of Pharmacy), Emely McKitrick (College of Pharmacy), Kim Mahoney (College of Pharmacy), Jeanna Mastrodicasa (Director, Office of Institutional Assessment), Dr. Tara Mathien (College of Education), Chris Newsom (Office of the Provost/Teaching and Technology), Dr. Johnathan Orsini (Office of the Provost/Teaching and Technology), Dr. Tobin Shorey (Undergraduate Curriculum Committee), Dr. Svetlana Stepchenkova (College of Health and Human Performance), Ashley Tidwell (Office of Admissions), and Dr. Daniel Wesson (College of Medicine)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Tom Kelleher, Chelsea Rojas, 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 ITEMS:

1. Minutes from the October 24, 2024, Graduate Council Meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATES:

2. The College of Education seeks to close the graduate certificate in Disaster Mental Health Counseling (#20536). Chris Cook was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
3. The College of Education seeks to modify the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Early Childhood Studies (#20090). Dr. Tara Mathien was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

CONCENTRATION:

4. The College of Health and Human Performance seeks to change the name of the graduate concentration in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism (RPT) to Tourism, Hospitality, and Event Management (THEM) (#19648). Dr. Svetlana Stepchenkova and Dr. Andrei Kirilenko were present (via Zoom) for discussion. Dr. Stepchenkova stated that they have contacted the active students, and 8 out of the 12 want the new name program name displayed on their records. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of fall 2025.

II. INFORMATION ITEM / ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

5. Graduate Curriculum Committee – October Minutes and November Agenda
6. Department Name Change: Pharmacodynamics to Cellular and Systems Pharmacology (#20673)
7. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Supporting.
 - MA with a major in Economics with a concentration in Econometrics & Data Analysis
 - PhD with a major in Microbiology and Cell Science
 - MS with a major in Interdisciplinary EcologyChris Newsome was present (via Zoom) to discuss these items that were approved by the BOG in October.
8. Graduate Student Success Center
Dean Stedman shared information regarding Grad Care referrals and distributed a handout that faculty can share.

III. DISCUSSION ITEM:

9. Drug Discovery concentration (formerly introduced as Proposal #20593). Consultations between the College of Medicine and College of Pharmacy are ongoing. The proposal was pulled from consideration at this meeting due to an issue with credit hours – the number of credit hours specific to the proposed concentration (30) is too high to be considered a focused concentration within the existing major/degree, per BOG Regulation 8.011.

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.