

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 19, 2024

1:00 PM

Teleconference (Via Zoom)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Nicole Stedman (Chair), Dr. Linda Bloom, Dr. J.C. Bunch, Dr. Hitomi Greenslet, Dr. Abdoulaye Kane, Dr. Michael Martinez, Dr. Linjuan Rita Men, Dr. Marta Wayne, Dr. Weizhou Zhang, Kevin Senior (GSC rep), and Fatima Akinola (GSC alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. James Jawitz, Dr. Connie Mulligan, Dr. Joni Williams Splett, and Dr. Pilar Useche

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. David Bloom (College of Medicine), Dr. Sheila Bosch (College of Design, Construction and Planning), Dr. Carma Bylund (College of Medicine), Joseph Carroll (College of Design, Construction and Planning), Dr. Cheryl Gater (Associate Provost and Director), Dr. Kate Fogarty (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), Diana Hull (Office of the Registrar), Jeanna Mastrodicasa (Director, Office of Institutional Assessment), Matt Mitterko (College of Medicine), Dr. Roberto Rengel (College of Design, Construction and Planning), Michael Ryngaert (Warrington College of Business), Dr. Aner Sela (Warrington College of Business), Dr. Siva Srinivasan (Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering), Dr. Tobin Shorey (Undergraduate Curriculum Committee), and Nicole Vonada (Personnel Financial Services)

STAFF PRESENT: 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. (Zoom notified all participants that the meeting was being recorded.)

I. ACTION ITEMS:

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

CERTIFICATES:

2. The College of Medicine seeks to create a graduate certificate in AI and Data Science in Healthcare (#19428). Dr. Carma Bylund, Dr. Mei Liu, and Matt Mitterko were present (via Zoom) for discussion. Dr. Mei Liu shared a slideshow for her presentation of this proposal. 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 create a graduate certificate in Advanced Transportation Technologies (#17938). Dr. Siva Srinivasan 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:

4. The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to cease participation in the Hydrologic Sciences concentration for the Master of Construction Management (M.C.M.), Master of Science in Construction Management (M.S.C.M.), and Doctor of Philosophy in Design, Construction and Planning with a concentration in Construction Management (Ph.D.) (#20677). Joseph Carroll was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed Termination Date of spring 2025 and Phase-Out Date of fall 2025.

MAJORS:

5. The Warrington College of Business seeks to create a major in Finance and Technology for the Master of Science (M.S.) (#20566). Mr. Michael Ryngaert was present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
6. The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to add a Project in lieu of Thesis (PILOT) option for the Master of Interior Design (M.I.D.) with a major in Interior Design (#20085). Dr. Sheila Bosch and Dr. Roberto Rengel were present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
7. The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences seeks to modify the curriculum for the major in Family, Youth and Community Sciences for the Master of Science (M.S.) (#20122). Dr. Kate Fogarty 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 PROGRAMS:

8. The College of Medicine seeks to create the new degree of Master of Healthcare Education (MHE) with a major in Artificial Intelligence (#18880). Dr. David Bloom was present (via Zoom) for discussion. Dr. David Bloom mentioned that the current documentation needs to note that launch date had been updated to fall 2026. Dr. Marta Wayne asked about explicit inclusion of content in this program with respect to AI ethics. A motion to conditionally approve the proposal pending the addition of a statement addressing AI ethics was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of fall 2026.
9. The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to modify the curriculum for the Master of Interior Design (M.I.D.) degree (#20679). Dr. Sheila Bosch and Dr. Roberto Rengel were present (via Zoom) for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

II. INFORMATION ITEM / ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

10. Graduate Curriculum Committee – November Minutes and December Agenda
11. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Supporting (No new items)
12. Graduate Student Success Center
Dr. Stedman reminded everyone that January is “Mentoring Month.”

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.