

## **GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**

**MARCH 27, 2025**

**1:00 PM**

**110 GRINTER HALL &  
Teleconference (Via Zoom)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Nicole Stedman (Chair), Dr. Hitomi Greenslet, Dr. James Jawitz, Dr. Michael Martinez, Dr. Linjuan Rita Men, Dr. Connie Mulligan, Dr. Joni Williams Splett, Dr. Pilar Useche, Dr. Weizhou Zhang, Kevin Senior (GSC rep), and Fatima Akinola (GSC alternate)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Linda Bloom, Dr. J.C. Bunch, Dr. Abdoulaye Kane, and Dr. Marta Wayne

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Joseph Carroll (College of Design, Construction and Planning ), Dr. Jeffrey Collins (The Hamilton School for Classical and Civic Education), Dr. Mike Griffis (Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering), Dr. George Hack (College of Public Health and Health Professions), Diana Hull (Office of the Registrar), Dr. Robert Ingram (The Hamilton School for Classical and Civic Education), Melissa Macarages (Office of the Registrar), Jeanna Mastrodicasa (Director, Office of Institutional Assessment), Dr. Jason Mastrogiovanni (The Hamilton School for Classical and Civic Education), Chris Newsom (Office of the Provost/Teaching and Technology), Dr. Hollea Ryan (College of Public Health and Health Professions), Dr. Ken Sassaman (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Dr. Tobin Shorey (Undergraduate Curriculum Committee), Dr. Ravi Srinivasan (College of Design, Construction and Planning ), Dr. Emre Tepe (College of Design, Construction and Planning ), Ashley Tidwell (Office of Admissions), and Lissette Toletino (Office of Institutional Assessment)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Tom Kelleher, Megan Lewis, Hannah Potter, Chelsea Rojas, Frankie Tai (Recording), Patty Van Wert, and Stacy Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 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 February 20, 2025, Graduate Council Meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

### **CERTIFICATE:**

2. The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to modify the curriculum for the graduate certificate in Urban Analytics (#21000). Dr. Emre Tepe was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of fall 2025.

## **CONCENTRATION:**

3. The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering seeks to close the Geographic Information Systems concentration for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a major in Civil Engineering (#21055). Dr. Kelleher presented the proposal for discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed termination and phase-out date of earliest available.

## **MAJORS:**

4. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences seeks to create a new major in Archeology for the Master of Science (M.S.) (#20714). Dr. Ken Sassaman was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of fall 2026.
5. The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to close the major in Sustainable Construction for the Master of Science in Construction Management (M.S.C.M) (#20680). Mr. Joseph Carroll was present (via Zoom) for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed termination date of earliest available and phase-out date of fall 2025.
6. The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to modify the curriculum for the major in Integrated Sustainable Development for the Master of Integrated Sustainable Development (M.I.S.D.) degree (#21106). Dr. Ravi Srinivasan was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

## **DEGREES:**

7. The Hamilton School for Classical and Civic Education seeks to create new Master of Arts (M.A.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) graduate degrees with majors in History of Ideas (#21259). Dr. Robert Ingram, Dr. Jason Mastrogiovanni, and Dr. Jeffrey Collins were present for the discussion. Discussions were had regarding the consultations with other units and the recent updates made to the proposal. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
8. The Hamilton School for Classical and Civic Education seeks to create new Master of Arts (M.A.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) graduate degrees with majors in War, Statecraft and Strategy (#21261). Dr. Robert Ingram, Dr. Jason Mastrogiovanni, and Dr. Jeffrey Collins were present for the discussion. Discussions were had regarding the consultations with other units and the recent updates made to the proposal. A minor correction was noted to the curriculum list. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
9. The College of Public Health and Health Professions seeks to close the online portion of the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree (#20901). Dr. George Hack was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

## **COMBINATION DEGREES**

**The Chair sought Council approval for consideration of the two (2) items from Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering (#10 & 11) as a package. Council concurred.**

10. The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering seeks to reaffirm the combination degree program between the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) with a major in Aerospace Engineering and the Master of Science (M.S.) with a major in Aerospace Engineering (#20768). Dr. Mike Griffis was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
11. The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering seeks to create a combination degree program between the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) with a major in Aerospace Engineering and the Master of Science (M.S.) with a major in Mechanical Engineering (#20770). Dr. Mike Griffis was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

**The Chair sought Council approval for consideration of the two (2) items from Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering (#12 & 13) as a package. Council concurred.**

12. The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering seeks to create a combination degree program between the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) with a major in Mechanical Engineering and the Master of Science (M.S.) with a major in Aerospace Engineering (#20769). Dr. Mike Griffis was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
13. The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering seeks to reaffirm the combination degree program between the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) with a major in Mechanical Engineering and the Master of Science (M.S.) with a major in Mechanical Engineering (#20767). Dr. Mike Griffis was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

## **2025-2028 BALLOT:**

14. Ballot for election to Graduate Council 2025-2028. Dr. Kelleher presented the Nominating Committee's recommended ballot of nominees for the 2025-2028 term, including Dr. Jacqueline Abranches, Department of Oral Biology; Dr. Jorg Bungert, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; Dr. Steven Foti, Department of Biostatistics; Dr. Carla Jagger, Department of Agricultural Education and Communication; Dr. Chris Janiszewski, Department of Marketing; Dr. James Jawitz, Department of Soil, Water and Ecosystem Sciences; and Dr. Andrei Kirilenko, Department of Tourism, Hospitality, and Event Management. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

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

15. Graduate Curriculum Committee – February Minutes and March Agenda
16. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Supporting (No new items)  
Chris Newsome was present (via Zoom) to confirm.
17. Graduate Student Success Center

Dr. Kelleher discussed some of the new initiatives and staff changes in the Student Success Center. He reminded everyone that Graduate Student Appreciation Week will run from April 4th to 11th. Kevin Senior shared details regarding some of the social events happening that week.

**III. DISCUSSION ITEM:**

18. Combination Degrees

Dr. Shorey requested that we revisit this discussion topic at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.