

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 15, 2025
1:00 PM

110 GRINTER HALL
&
Teleconference (Via Zoom)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Nicole Stedman (Chair), Dr. J.C. Bunch, Dr. Hitomi Greenslet, Dr. James Jawitz, Dr. Abdoulaye Kane, Dr. Michael Martinez, Dr. Connie Mulligan, Dr. Pilar Useche, Dr. Marta Wayne, Dr. Weizhou Zhang, Kevin Senior (GSC rep), and Fatima Akinola (GSC alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Linda Bloom, Dr. Linjuan Rita Men, and Dr. Joni Williams Splett

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Garrett Beatty (College of Health and Human Performance), Dr. Casey Bullock (University Registrar), Dr. Megan Forbes (English Language Institute), Dr. Cheryl Gater (Associate Provost and Director), Dr. Norman Goda (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Dr. Peter Hansen (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), Dr. Marshall Haning (College of the Arts), Dr. Jorge Hernandez (College of Veterinary Medicine), Jeanna Mastrodicasa (Director, Office of Institutional Assessment), Chris Newsom (Office of the Provost/Teaching and Technology), Dr. Jonathan Orsini (Office for Strategic Initiatives), Dr. Roberto Rengel (College of Design, Construction and Planning), Dr. Aner Sela (Warrington College of Business), Dr. Nicholas Serrano (College of Design, Construction and Planning), Dr. Sara Smith (College of Education), Ashley Tidwell (Office of Admissions), and Lissette Toletino (Office of Institutional Assessment)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Tom Kelleher, Megan Lewis, Frankie Tai (Recording), 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 April 17, 2025, Graduate Council Meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
2. IELTS Score Minimum. The statistics of score standards were discussed, as well as how institutional policy changes will apply to spring admits. A motion to approve the change in minimum IELTS score required for admission to graduate programs at UF from 6 to 6.5, effective spring 2026, was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
3. Graduate Curriculum Committee Nomination. Dr. Michael Carillo from the Department of

Marketing in the Warrington College of Business was nominated to join the GCC in the fall semester. He will be appointed by Dean Stedman to start a three-year term in fall 2026.

CERTIFICATES:

4. The College of the Arts seeks to create a graduate certificate in Music Business & Entrepreneurship (#15666). Dr. Marshall Haning was present (via Zoom) for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
5. The College of Education seeks to create a graduate certificate in Language, Education, and Technology (#20599). Dr. Sara Smith was present (via Zoom) for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
6. The College of Health and Human Performance seeks to create a graduate certificate in AI and Sport Science in Human Performance (#21025). Dr. Garrett Beatty was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
7. The College of Health and Human Performance seeks to create a graduate certificate in Human Performance in Tactical, Flight, and Space Operations (#20851). Dr. Garrett Beatty was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
8. The College of Health and Human Performance seeks to create a graduate certificate in Sport and Exercise Physiology (#20840). Dr. Garrett Beatty was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
9. The College of Health and Human Performance seeks to create a graduate certificate in Sport Psychology and Elite Human Performance (#20850). Dr. Garrett Beatty was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
10. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences seeks to create a graduate certificate in Holocaust Studies (#20813). Dr. Norman Goda was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

CONCENTRATION:

11. The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences seeks to create a concentration in Animal Molecular and Cellular Biology for the Master of Science (M.S.) with a major in Animal Sciences and a major in Veterinary Medical Sciences (#20906). Dr. Peter Hansen was present (via Zoom) for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

MAJORS:

12. The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to modify the curriculum for the major in Landscape Architecture for the Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.) degree. This request is submitted in tandem with the request to reduce the credit for the degree (Request #21369) (#21415). Dr. Nicholas Serrano 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 College of Veterinary Medicine seeks to modify the curriculum for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and Master of Science (M.S.) degrees with majors in Comparative Biomedical Sciences (#21496). Dr. Jorge Hernandez was present for the discussion. He shared a PowerPoint presentation that outlined details of the proposal. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of fall 2025.

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14. The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to reduce the amount of credit for the Master of Interior Design (M.I.D.) degree (#20679). Dr. Roberto Rengel was present (via Zoom) for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.
15. The College of Design, Construction and Planning seeks to reduce the amount of credit for the Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.) degree with a major in Landscape Architecture. This request is submitted in tandem with the request to modify the curriculum for the major (#21415) (#21369). Dr. Nicholas Serrano was present for the discussion. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, with a proposed effective date of earliest available.

II. INFORMATION ITEM / ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

16. Graduate Curriculum Committee – April Minutes and May Agenda
17. Update on the Graduate Council election 2025-2028
Dr. Kelleher announced the new members who will join the council in the fall semester. The graduate faculty elected Dr. Jorg Bungert and Dr. James Jawitz. The provost appointed Dr. Chris Janiszewski and Dr. Andrei P. Kirilenko.
18. Graduate Programs – Distance or Self-Supporting (No new items)
19. Graduate Student Success Center
Dean Stedman shared updates about the BRIDGE (Building Retention in Doctoral Graduate Education) program for 2025. There were over 100 applicants for the 20 seats available.

The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.