The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. in 229 Terrell Hall.

Members present: Fikri Avci, Nicholas Berente, Georgia Calhoun, Mary Caplan, James Carson, William Fitt, Tai Guo, Janette Hill, Denise Lewis, Jennifer Lindstrom, Masaki Mori, Jeffrey Mullen, Kristen Navara, Rebecca Nesbit, Stephen Ramos, Kaori Sakamoto, Aaron Thompson, William Whitman, Xiaozhong “John” Yu, and Dehai Zhao. Suzanne Barbour, Kristin Lawrence, and Deanna Knight represented the Graduate School.

Members absent: Hamid Arabnia, Gary Green, Tina Harris, Michele Lease, Javad Mohammadpour, Amy M. Pollard, Patricia Reeves, Welch Suggs, Katherine Thompson, and Han-Rong Weng.

Dean Suzanne Barbour called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes of the January 18, 2017, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Graduate Council Committees Reports and Action Items

A. Program Committee
Chair: Jennifer Lindstrom
On April 6 and April 14, 2017, the committee voted via email to approve the following recommended action items:

1. A request from the College of Education to terminate the Graduate Certificate in Sport Coaching. The motion passed.

2. A request from the Department of Genetics to add a non-thesis option to the existing MS in genetics. The motion passed.

3. A request from the College of Pharmacy to change the name of the Graduate Certificate in Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Regulatory Affairs to Graduate Certificate in International Biomedical Regulatory Sciences. The motion passed.

B. Administrative Committee
Chair: Stephen Ramos
The committee met with Dean Barbour on February 8, 2017, to discuss the composition of the Graduate Council and whether institutes and graduate programs on extended campuses should have representation on the council. Members present were Stephen Ramos, Jennifer Lindstrom, and Kaori Sakamoto. After discussion, the Council voted that the membership on the Graduate Council should stay as currently represented.
C. Appeals Committee
Chair: Kaori Sakamoto
The committee met on March 17, 2017, to hear one grade appeal. Members present were Kaori Sakamoto, James Carson, Tina Harris, Janette Hill, Denise Lewis, Kristen Navara, and Aaron Thompson. Suzanne Barbour, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence from the Graduate School were present. The appeal was upheld.

D. Strategic Planning Committee
Chair: Stephen Ramos
The committee met on February 17, 2017, to talk about projects for the future. Members meeting with Dean Barbour were Stephen Ramos, William Fitt, Patricia Reeves, Michelle Lease, and Javad Mohammadpour.

E. Curriculum Committee
Chair: Jeff Mullen
Since the last meeting of the Council, the committee approved 124 new courses, 4 deletions, and 90 course change applications.

Old Business
No old business.

New Business
No new business.

Information Items
The Graduate Council approved the following by email vote on February 21, 2017:
1. A proposal to offer the Master of Plant Protection and Pest Management degree program on the Griffin Campus was requested by the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences (pre-existing program offered at the UGA campus in Athens and on-line).

The Graduate Council approved the following by email vote March 14, 2017:
1. A proposal to offer the Master of Science degree in financial planning, housing and consumer economics on the Griffin Campus was requested by the Department of Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics (pre-existing program offered at the UGA campus in Athens and on-line).
2. A proposal to change the name of the Graduate Certificate in Media Industry Research to Media Analytics was requested by the College of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The Graduate School administratively approved the following proposals:
A dual MPH/PhD in Health Promotion and Behavior, College of Public Health.
A dual MEd/EdS in Professional Counseling/Professional School Counseling, College of Education.

Dean Barbour thanked the members of the Council for their service during the 2016-17 academic year and members whose term expired at the end of the year were recognized for their service for the past three years.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.