The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 3:30 pm in the Peabody Boardroom in the Administration Building.

Members Present: Fikri Avci, Hamid Arabnia, Nicholas Berente, Georgia Calhoun, Tina Harris, Janette Hill, John Hulland, Jennifer Lindstrom, Javad Mohammadpour, Masaki Mori, Jessica Muilenburg, Amanda Murdie, Craig Osenberg, Kaori Sakamoto, Welch Suggs, James Reap, Aaron Thomson, Katherine Thompson, and Marc van Iersel. Suzanne Barbour, Ron Walcott, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence were present from the Graduate School.

Members Absent: Houjian Cai, Mary Caplan, Gary Green, Cindy Hahamovitch, Victoria Hasko, Denise Lewis, Jeffrey Mullen, Daniel Perez, Amy Pollard, Patricia Reeves, Dehai Zhao, and Johnita Daniel (GPSA).

Dean Suzanne Barbour called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Minutes from the February 7, 2018, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Graduate Council Committee Reports and Action Items

A. Administrative Committee
   Mary Caplan, Chair
   The Administrative Committee met on 03.26.18 (Nicholas Berente, Tina Harris, and Welch Suggs, and Suzanne Barbour were present) to discuss repurposing of the Curriculum Committee. After discussing several options, the committee did not find a compelling reason to establish another standing committee of the Graduate Council. Given this, the committee recommends the following discussion items for the Council:

   1. Should the Curriculum Committee be repurposed as another standing committee of the Graduate Council?
      o If so, what responsibility(ies) would that committee have?
      o If not, how best to use members of the Curriculum Committee?
        ▪ Should they be reassigned to other committees of the Graduate Council?
        ▪ Should size of the Graduate Council be adjusted (reduced), accordingly?

   2. Should the Administrative Committee re-think structure of the Graduate Council, with goal of making a recommendation to the Council in fall 2018?
      The Graduate Council decided that the Curriculum Committee should not be repurposed, and the Graduate Council should not be reduced in size. It was suggested that new Graduate Council members should not be assigned to a committee the first year, so that they can learn how the Graduate Council operates. It was suggested for the next academic year that the Administrative Committee consider changing the sizes of the Appeals and Program Committees and consider allowing first year members to not be assigned to a committee if possible.
B. Program Committee
Welch Suggs, Chair (read by Kathy Thompson)
Since the last meeting of the Graduate Council, the Program Committee has reviewed and approved six proposals. The Program Committee would like to bring the following action items to the Graduate Council for its approval.

- From the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, a request to add a non-thesis option to the Master of Science in Textile, Merchandising, and Interiors. **Approved.**
- From the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, a request to create a new Graduate Certificate in Music Performance. **Approved.**
- From the Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources, a request to change the name of the Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science degree programs from Forest Resources to Forestry and Natural Resources. **Approved.**
- From the College of Veterinary Medicine, a request to reactivate the Master of Avian Medicine, Master of Avian Health and Medicine, and Master of Food Animal Medicine. **Approved.**

C. Appeals Committee
Nicholas Berente, Chair
Since the last report to the Graduate Council, the Appeals Committee met once on March 28, 2018. The committee members present Nicholas Berente, Jennifer Lindstrom, Jessica Muilenburg, Amanda Murdie, Daniel Perez, Amy Pollard, and Dehai Zhao. Ron Walcott, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence from the Graduate School were present. The committee met to hear an Enrollment Policy fee appeal. **The Enrollment Policy fee appeal was denied and the fee was not waived.**

D. Strategic Planning Committee
No report.

Old Business
None.

New Business
A question was asked about qualifying exams for Doctor of Philosophy students. Is it possible to give a student a conditional pass because that is not an option on the form at this time? Several members from other departments shared that they allow conditional passes at their departments, but agreed that it would not be beneficial at the Graduate School level to add that option to the form. It was recommended that departments who choose to do this add it to their handbook.

Information items
Curriculum Report: The Graduate School has approved 136 new courses, 142 course revisions, and 34 deletions.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.