The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Members present: Jill Anderson, Swarn Chatterjee, Joon Choi, AnnaMarie Conner, Merrily Dunn, Georgia Harrison Hall, Dan Johnson, Ray Kaplan, Elizabeth Knight, Kyser Lough, Laura McAndrews, Christof Meile, David Mustard, Luke Naeher, Kerry Oliver, Kaori Sakamoto, Shane Singh, Shavannor Smith, Elizabeth St. Pierre, Seth Wenger, Catherine White, and Ming Zhang. Ron Walcott, Meredith Welch-Devine, Robert Scott, Cheri Bliss, and Olivia Myers represented the Graduate School. Shayla Lee, President, represented the Graduate Student Association.

Members absent: Suchendra Bhandarkar, Michael Cacciatore, John Campbell, Melissa Fahmy, Tim Foutz, Cari Goetcheus, Jennifer Samp, and Dayton Wilde.

VP/Dean Ron Walcott called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes of the February 10, 2021, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Graduate Council Committee Reports and Action Items

A. Administrative Committee
   Ron Walcott, Ex Officio Member
   No business to report.

B. Appeals Committee
   Christof Meile, Chair
   Since the last report to the Graduate Council, the Appeals Committee met once on March 24, 2021. Committee members present were Christof Meile (chair), Jill Anderson, Joon Choi, Merrily Dunn, Georgia Hall, Dan Johnson, Kyser Lough, Shavannor Smith, and Ming Zhang. Cheri Bliss, Meredith Welch-Devine, and Olivia Myers from the Graduate School were present. The appeal was a Graduate School dismissal, and the committee voted to reinstate the student.

C. Program Committee
   Liz Knight, Chair
   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.

   **Action Item:** From the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, a proposal to create a new Master of Science in Data Science (M.S).  *Approved 21-0*

   **Action Item:** From the Odom School of Ecology, a request to change the name of the M.S. in Conservation Ecology and Sustainable Development (CESD) to a M.S. in Integrative Conservation and Sustainability (ICAS).  *Approved 22-0*

   **Action Item:** From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a proposal to create a Non-thesis option of the Masters of Science in Applied Behavioral Analysis (M.S.).  *Approved 22-0*

   **Action Item:** From the School of Law, a proposal to create a new Graduate Certificate in International Law.  *Approved 22-0*
Action Item: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a proposal to create a Doctor of Philosophy in Social Studies Education (PhD). Approved 21-1

Action Item: From the College of Engineering,
(1) a proposal to create a new external Master’s in Biomanufacturing and Bioprocessing; Approved 19-2-1
(2) a proposal to create a new Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in Biochemical Engineering; Approved 21-1
(3) and a proposal to create a new Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in Biomedical Engineering. Approved 19-2-1

D. Policy and Planning Committee
AnnaMarie Conner, Chair
The PPC has met three times since the last meeting of the Graduate Council: 2/24/21, 3/19/21, and 4/5/21. Discussion was held on Graduate Council organization and appeal/probation/dismissal guidelines. Three action items came out of those discussions.

Action Item: Revision to how the Graduate Council Agenda is set (Bylaws).
The agenda will be set by the Administrative Committee of the Graduate Council. Additional items may be placed on the agenda by the dean of the Graduate School, by the Administrative Committee, and by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at the Council meeting. Suggestions for agenda items can be submitted by members of the Graduate Council, members of Graduate Program Faculty, and graduate students to the Administrative Committee for discussion and future inclusion on the Council agenda. Approved 21-0 (goes to Graduate Program Faculty for voting)

Action Item: Addition of three, voting graduate student representatives (Bylaws).
The Council consists of the dean of the Graduate School or a representative designated by the dean, who chairs the Council but votes only to break a tie; three elected representatives of the UGA Graduate Student Association, one of whom is the president of the GSA (graduate student representatives are voting members and may serve up to three 1-year terms); and the following elected members, one-third of whom are chosen each year: … Approved 21-0 (goes to Graduate Program Faculty for voting)

Action Item: Expedited appeals procedure for students dismissed from Graduate School based on GPA. Approved 21-0

Old Business
No old business.

New Business
No new business.

Information Items
A. Graduate Student Degree Accelerator Award.
B. Graduate student stipends increased by 4%.
C. Graduate Student Emergency Fund still available for those in need.
D. Curriculum Report: Since February 2021, the Graduate School has approved 71 new courses, 61 course revisions, and 0 deletions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.