University Graduate Council Minutes
January 24, 2017
Meeting held electronically, with members voting on action items via email.

I. The December 2016 UGC minutes were approved electronically.

II. Action Items
A. College of Humanities and Sciences – APPROVED
   Department of Forensic Science
   Curriculum Revisions
   • MS-FOS-FCDT: Forensic Science, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in forensic chemistry/drugs and toxicology
   • MS-FOS-FCTR: Forensic Science, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in forensic chemistry/trace
   • MS-FOS-FPAN: Forensic Science, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in forensic physical analysis
   • MS-FOS-FY: Forensic Science, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in forensic biology

   Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics
   Curriculum Revision
   • MS-MAS-MA: Mathematical Sciences, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in mathematics

   Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics/Statistical Sciences and Operations Research
   Curriculum Revision
   • PHD-SMS: Systems Modeling and Analysis, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) [Mathematics and Applied Mathematics]

   School of World Studies
   Temporary Suspension of Admission
   • MIS-INS-CNGL: Interdisciplinary Studies, Master of (M.I.S.) with a concentration in cinema and language with the University of Cordoba in Spain and the University of Messina in Italy

   da Vinci Center – APPROVED
   Curriculum Revision
   • MPI-PRI: Product Innovation, Master of (M.P.I.)

   The Graduate School – APPROVED
   Curriculum Revision
   • MIS-INS: Interdisciplinary Studies, Master of (M.I.S.), individual program of study

   Office of the VP for Research – APPROVED
   Center for Clinical and Translational Research
   Temporary Suspension of Admission
   • PHD-CTS-PBSG: Clinical and Translational Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in psychiatric, behavioral and statistical genetics
School of the Arts – APPROVED
Department of Art History
Permanent Concentration Closure
• MA-ARH-AH: Art History, Master of Arts (M.A.) with a concentration in architectural history

School of Allied Health Professions – APPROVED
Department of Nurse Anesthesia
Temporary Suspension of Admission
• MSNA-NUA: Nurse Anesthesia, Master of Science in (M.S.N.A.)
Department of Physical Therapy
Curriculum Revision
• DPT-PHT: Physical Therapy, Doctor of (D.P.T.)

School of Business – APPROVED
Business – Dean’s Office
Curriculum Revision
• PHD-BUS-IS: Business, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a concentration in information systems
Concentration closure
• MS-BUS-HU: Business, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in human resource management
Department of Economics
Curriculum Revisions
• MA-ECO: Economics, Master of Arts (M.A.)
• MA-ECO-FE: Economics, Master of Arts (M.A.) with a concentration in financial economics
• MA-ECO-HN: Economics, Master of Arts (M.A.) with a concentration in health economics
• MA-ECO-ST: Economics, Master of Arts (M.A.) with a concentration in statistics
Department of Supply Chain Management
Curriculum Revision
• MDA-DCA: Decision Analytics, Master of (M.D.A.)

School of Education – APPROVED
Education – Dean’s Office
Curriculum Revision & Name Change of Concentration
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School of Engineering – APPROVED
Department of Computer Science
Curriculum Revision
• MS-CSC: Computer Science, Master of Science (M.S.)
School of Medicine – APPROVED
Medicine – Dean's Office
Curriculum Revision
• CPG-BHS: Pre-medical Graduate Health Sciences (Post-baccalaureate graduate certificate)
Department of Biostatistics
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• MS-BIS-CLRB: Biostatistics, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in clinical research and biostatistics
Department of Epidemiology
Curriculum Revision
• PHD-EPI: Epidemiology, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

School of Nursing – APPROVED
Curriculum Revisions
• PHD-NURD: Nursing, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
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B. Two proposed Policy and Procedure changes which were submitted at December’s UGC meeting are up for vote.
Please vote to approve:
http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/study/general-academic-regulations-graduate-students/graduation-requirements/
Insert the word “graduate” before “certificate” for clarity. Remove bold from text. – APPROVED

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Proposed
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Remove “20% C rule”. 3.0 GPA needed to graduate. Proposal: Grades of “C” continue to count towards graduate degree. – APPROVED, with one member opposed

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No more than six credit hours or 20 percent of total credit hours attempted (whichever greater) at C or below level (C, D, F). Individual programs reserve the right to establish more stringent requirements regarding the acceptance of C grades. Specifically, students may not present courses receiving grades less than C for fulfilling degree requirements.

Proposed
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III. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards
   No report.

B. Committee on Internal Review
   No report.

C. Committee on Policies and Procedures
   No report.

D. Committee on Programs and Courses
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   Department of Kinesiology & Health Sciences
   Course Revisions
   - REMS 701: Advanced Exercise Physiology I
     - Change of department from Physical Therapy to Kinesiology & Health Sciences
   - REMS 702: Advanced Exercise Physiology II
     - Change of department from Physical Therapy to Kinesiology & Health Sciences
     - Course title correction

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   New Course
   - MATH 727: Topics in Analysis: ______

   Course Revision
   - MATH 602: Abstract Algebra II
     - Course description, prerequisite, and title change

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   Department of Statistical Sciences and Operations Research
   Course Revision
   - STAT 696: Applied Project
     - Course description and prerequisite

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Reviewers: Mary Ellen Huennekens and Simon Okoth
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Fast Track MBA
Course Revisions
- FMBA 601: Team Building and Leadership
- FMBA 603: Business Foundations
- FMBA 604: Analysis and Decisions
- FMBA 605: Analysis and Decisions
- FMBA 608: Organizational Culture
- FMBA 609: Productivity and Innovation
- FMBA 610: Productivity and Innovation
- FMBA 611: Strategic Management
- FMBA 612: Strategic Management
- FMBA 613: Strategic Management

School of Dentistry
Dental Special Topics
New Courses
- DENS 780: Functional Occlusion: From TMJ to Smile Design Selective
- DENS 790: Selective: Applications of 3D Printing in Dentistry
Department of Oral & Craniofacial Molecular Biology
Course Revisions
- OCMB 703: Research Topics in Oral Biology
  o Course description, prerequisite, and grading scheme change
- OCMB 705: Oral Biology Oral Biology Directed Research
  o Credits applied to graduation change and grade scheme change

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New Courses
- IDDS 604: Interdisciplinary Studies in Developmental Disabilities: LEND Seminar I
- IDDS 605: Interdisciplinary Studies in Developmental Disabilities: LEND Seminar II

Department of Educational Leadership
New Courses
- ADMS 709: U.S. Educational Policy
- ADMS 710: Current Topics in Educational Leadership and Policy

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Medicine – Dean’s Office
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Department of Biochemistry
New Course
- BIOC 695: Biochemistry Student Seminar

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Department of Epidemiology
Curriculum Revision
- PHD-EPI: Epidemiology, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

New Course
- EPID 594: MPH Practicum II

Course Revisions
- EPID 593: MPH Practicum I
  o Credit hour and course description change
- EPID 622: Maternal and Child Health
  o Course description and prerequisite change

Department of Human & Molecular Genetics
New Courses
- HGEN 601: Research in Genetic Counseling
- HGEN 615: Techniques in Genetic Counseling

Department of Physiology & Biophysics
New Courses
- PHIS 607: Cell Physiology: GI and Endocrine
- PHIS 650: Critical Thinking in Physiology
• PHIS 651: MD/PHD Journal Club
• PHIS 652: MD/PhD Science and Disease
• PHIS 689: Physiology Preseminar Highlights

Course Revisions
• PHIS 501: Mammalian Physiology
  o Course title and description change; removal of variable credits option
• PHIS 604: Cell Physiology: Cardiovascular and Respiratory
  o Course title and description change
• PHIS 606: Molecular Basis for Disease
  o Course title change

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III. Minor Items for Approval by the Chair and Dean
College of Humanities and Sciences
Department of Mathematics
Course Deletions
• MATH 525: Introduction to Combinatorial Mathematics
• MATH 601: Abstract Algebra I
• MATH 634: Partial Differential Equations

Department of Statistical Sciences and Operations Research
Course Deletion
• STAT 690: Research and Communications Seminar

School of the Arts
Course Deletions
• CRAF 547: Ceramic Technology
• CRAF 548: Ceramic Workshop
• CRAF 549: Ceramic Workshop

School of Dentistry
Course Revisions
• DENS 513: Foundations of Effective Interpersonal Skills During Patient Interactions I
  o Grading scheme changed to pass/fail; enrollment restricted to students in a SOD degree program
• DENS 603: Foundations of Effective Interpersonal Skills During Patient Interactions II
  o Grading scheme change
• DENS 703: Advanced Interpersonal Communications I
  o Grading scheme change; enrollment restricted to students in a SOD degree program
• DENS 713: Advanced Interpersonal Communications II
  o Grading scheme change; enrollment restricted to students in a SOD degree program

School of Education
Course Deletion
• SEDP 618: Strategies for Managing Disabilities in the Workplace
Course Revisions
• SEDP 707: Critical Issues in Special Education
  o Course description change
• EDUS 710: Quantitative Research Design
  o Course title and description change

School of Medicine
Department of Health Behavior and Policy
Course Revision
• HCPR 702: Health Services Research and Policy II
Department of Human & Molecular Genetics
Course Revisions
• HGEN 501: Introduction to Human Genetics
  o Course description change
• HGEN 502: Advanced Human Genetics
  o Course description change
• HGEN 510: Classic Papers in Human Genetics
  o Course description change
• HGEN 603: Mathematical and Statistical Genetics
  o Prerequisite change

Department of Pharmacology
Course Revision
• PHTX 606: Clinical Therapeutics Module: Introduction to Pharmacology (Pharmacy)
  o Course title change

Institute for Drug and Alcohol Studies
Course Deletions
• IDAS 610: Contemporary Issues in Addiction Prevention and Treatment
• IDAS 611: Politics and Policy Planning for Addiction
• IDAS 685: HHH Seminar Series
• IDAS 686: HHH Independent Research
• IDAS 691: Special Topics in Addiction

School of Pharmacy
Course revision
• PCEU 508: Pharmacokinetics
  o Prerequisite/corequisite change

IV. Changes Approved by the Graduate School (Here as informational item.)
School of Nursing
• CPM-NUR-AANP: Nursing, Certificate in (Post-master’s certificate) with a concentration in adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner – updated admissions requirements
• CPM-NUR-APNP: Nursing, Certificate in (Post-master’s certificate) with a concentration in adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner – updated admissions requirements
• CPM-NUR-FN: Nursing, Certificate in (Post-master’s certificate) with a concentration in family nurse practitioner – updated admissions requirements
• CPM-NUR-NL: Nursing, Certificate in (Post-master’s certificate) with a concentration in nursing administration and leadership – updated admissions requirements
• CPM-NUR-PQNP: Nursing, Certificate in (Post-master’s certificate) with a concentration in psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner – updated admissions requirements
• MS-NUR-AANP: Nursing, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner – updated admissions requirements
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IV. Old Business
None.

V. New Business
None.
VI. Chair’s Report
None.