MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
The University of Alabama
November 17, 2016

The regular meeting of the Graduate Council was held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016 in 205 Gorgas Library.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Thomas Baker, Dr. Joy Burnham, Dr. Ibrahim Çemen, Dr. Alexandra Cook, Dr. Mary Alice “Lisa” Davis, Dr. William Evans, Dr. Andrew Graettinger, Dr. Ann Graves, Dr. Laura Hopson, Dr. Burcu Keskin, Dr. Seongsin Kim, Dr. Linda Knol, Dr. Amy Lang, Dr. Linda Knol, Dr. Amy Lang, Professor Sarah Marshall, Dr. Douglas McKnight, Dr. Sharif Melouk, Dr. Angelia Paschal, Dr. John Petrovic, Dr. Albert Pionke, Dr. Daniel Riches, Dr. Karen Salekin, Dr. Sara Tomek, Dr. Debra Whisenant, Dr. Dawn Williams, Dr. Vivian Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Daniel Avery, Dr. Julia Cherry, Dr. Jeffrey Martin, Dr. Mary Meares

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: Dr. Janie Hubbard, Dr. Donald Gilstrap

GRADUATE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Dr. Cathy Pagani, Associate Dean, Ms. Beth Yarbrough, Registrar, Mr. Eric Harris, Assistant Registrar

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE(S): Ms. Caroline Bell (for Shelby Brooks), Ms. Sharniece Holland, Ms. Phyliscia Carter

GUEST(S): Ms. Ginger Bishop, Ms. Carmen Jones
Dr. Cathy Pagani welcomed everyone.

I. Approval of Minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting

Dr. Pagani asked if there were any requests for corrections or changes to the September 27, 2016 Minutes. No changes were requested. The Minutes were approved.

II. Reports from Graduate Council Committees

A. Admission and Recruitment Committee (Dr. Andrew Graettinger, Chair).

1) Dr. Graettinger presented a proposal to waive the GRE requirement for admissions purposes for five distinct degree programs; Doctoral Nursing Program (DNP) under the Capstone College of Nursing, the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) from Arts and Sciences, and three from the College of Human Environmental Sciences (General HES, Health Studies, and Human Nutrition). A motion to approve all GRE waivers was offered. All voted in favor and it was approved unanimously.

2) Secondly, Dr. Graettinger presented a proposal to change the wording for ‘Conditional Admit’ to ‘Permission to Continue.’ that would line up the wording with Federal Regulations. Motion to accept new wording seconded. All voted in favor of the proposal.

B. Program and Degree Review or Research and New Programs Committee (Dr. Daniel Riches, Chair)

Dr. Riches brought multiple items to present: 1) Proposal for a change to the language of the Graduate Catalog, pertaining to dissertation committees, under 4.11.3 ‘Doctoral Degrees’ adding: A majority of the dissertation committee must be regular University of
Alabama faculty. After a brief discussion all voted in favor.

2, 3, 4) Three separate proposals from the College of Human Environmental Studies (CHES) for standalone degrees as opposed to simply having a specialization under the existing M.S. in HES. They are a Proposal for a Master of Science (M.S.) Degree in Consumer Sciences in the College of Human Environmental Sciences, the MHS in Rural Community Health, a proposal for a Master of Science (M.S.) Degree in Rural Community Health in the College of Human Environmental Sciences, and a proposal for a Master of Science (M.S.) Degree in Sports Business Management in the College of Human Environmental Sciences.

During discussion it was pointed out that all three new degree programs would have zero additional resources need as the courses are already being taught. ACHE may inquire as to why two Sports Business management programs coexist at the graduate level. Dr. Petrovic suggested tabling the vote on the new MHS in Sports Business Management until more is known about how it may conflict with a similar program in Kinesiology (Human Performance), under the Department of Education. After more discussion two of the three CHES degree proposals were individually approved. The M.S. in Consumer Sciences passed unanimously, the M.S. in Rural Community Health passed unanimously. The M.S. in Sports Business Management was put to a motion to table until more information is presented by the subcommittee in a subsequent meeting. All but three opposed the motion to table the proposal.
4) A proposal for a Master of Science (M.S.) Degree in Public Health in the College of Human Environmental Sciences. All voted in favor.

5) A proposal for a Master of Science (M.S.) Degree in Human Nutrition in the College of Human Environmental Sciences. All voted in favor.

6) A proposal for a Master of Science (M.S.) in Instructional Technology from the Department of Education. An entirely online program that does involve additional resources. Some faculty members would be reassigned. All voted in favor.

C. Fellowship & Scholarship Committee (Dr. Julia Cherry, Chair)
   Committee did not present.

D. Teaching, Research and Service Award Committee – (Dr. Burcu Keskin, Chair)
   Committee did not present.

III. Reports from the Dean’s Office and Academic Affairs

A. Associate Dean Cathy Pagani

1) All new NISPs will go to college deans first so that discussion can be held over any potential issues and make recommendations. Deans will be able to hammer out conflicts before it reaches the Graduate Council.

2) Dr. Pagani asked the council that they forward any names of people that would be willing to serve on the Emeritus Faculty.

B. Assistant Dean Andrew Goodliffe

1) The results of the 3MT competition including all winners were read aloud. The Regional Finals will be held in Annapolis, MD in spring 2017. Those that did not
win are welcome to compete again as it provides a wonderful opportunity to work
on presentation skill and receive feedback from peers and faculty. All faculty and
students are encouraged to participate.

IV. Reports from Standing University Committees

There were no standing committee reports.

V. Old Business

There was no old business.

VI. New Business

There was no new business.

There being no further business, Dr. Pagani adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.