The regular meeting of the Graduate Council was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 at 3:30 pm.

**Members Present:**
- Dr. Kristi Acker
- Dr. Monica Anderson
- Dr. Angela Benson
- Dr. Kenon Brown
- Dr. Heather Carmack
- Dr. Pat Carter
- Dr. Jeffery Carver
- Dr. Katherine Chiou
- Dr. Mary Alice Davis
- Dr. Bill Evans
- Dr. Martin Evans
- Dr. Allison Grant
- Dr. Peter Harms
- Dr. Janie Hubbard
- Dr. Paul Hubner
- Dr. Sebrena Jackson
- Dr. Deidre Leaver-Dunn
- Dr. Steven MacCall
- Dr. Sharif Melouk
- Dr. Dana Patton
- Dr. Joshua Pierce
- Dr. Troy Pollard
- Dr. Cecil Robinson
- Dr. Jenny Shaw
- Dr. Steve Shepard
- Dr. Brenda Smith
- Dr. Wei Song
- Dr. Firat Soylu
- Dr. Amanda Thompson
- Dr. Mesut Yavuz

**Members Absent:**
- Dr. Arthur Allaway
- Dr. Linda Knol
- Dr. Carmen Mayer
- Dr. Raheem Paxton
- Dr. Nicole Ruggiano
- Dr. Merinda Simmons
- Dr. Nicole Swoszowski

**Ex-officio Members Present:**
- Dr. Robert Hayes

**Graduate School Representatives:**
- Dr. Susan Carvalho, Dean
- Dr. Andrew Goodliffe, Associate Dean
- Dr. Cathy Pagani, Associate Dean
- Ms. Catherine Doughty-Walker, Executive Secretary
- Ms. Deborah Mamuti, Office Associate
- Ms. Beth Yarbrough, Registrar

**Guests:**
- Dr. Jaber Abu Qahouq
- Dr. Ginger Bishop
- Dr. Lisa Matherson
Mr. Daniel Strickland
Dr. Jonathan Wingo
I. Welcome and Introduction

Dr. Carvalho thanked everyone for their attendance. The minutes from the September 8, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously.

II. Reports from Graduate Council Committees

A. Admissions & Recruitment: Dr. Steve Shepherd, Chair

1. Proposal for a GPA Change for the Human Nutrition AMP
   The Human Nutrition AMP currently requires a minimum GPA of 3.5. The program would like to be able to consider (but not guarantee) admission to students whose overall GPAs might be 3.3-3.5 but who excelled in the required prerequisite courses, and thus have a strong probability of success in the AMP program. This change is requested with the knowledge that more than 50% of UA AMP students have a 3.9 GPA or more. Motion is approved.

2. Proposal for a Kinesiology AMP program
   The Department of Kinesiology proposed an AMP which combines the BS in Kinesiology with the MA in Kinesiology. Students must have taken Kinesiology 303 before applying. Motion is approved.

3. Proposal to Remove Admission Test Score Requirement for Graduate School
   Dr. Goodliffe presented the proposal. Most departments have waived admission test scores in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal of the proposal is to make this change permanent based on the dramatic increase in minority student applications and new fall 2020 enrollments compared with fall 2019. Departments will still have the option to include an admission test score in their application requirements. Motion is approved.

B. Graduate Curriculum: Dr. Deidre Leaver-Dunn, Chair

1. Change of name for the Applied Communication concentration in the Communications and Information Sciences PhD Program to Advertising and Public Relations.
   The change will be implemented through the Registrar’s office. This change more accurately reflects the expertise of the faculty who teach the primary courses supporting the concentration and more accurately facilitates communication of the range of learning outcomes and placements appropriate for the students who complete it. Motion is approved.

C. Teaching, Research & Service Awards: Dr. Amanda Thompson, Chair

   1. Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award
      Dr. Joy Burnham was selected as the winner for this award, during this inaugural year. There was substantial interest in this award, as seen by the number of nominations. Dr. Burnham will now be UA’s nominee to the Council of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) for the regional competition, whose awardee will be announced in the Spring.

D. Graduate Academic Policy: Dr. Bill Evans, Chair
A short Qualtrics survey was sent to all graduate faculty who work with doctoral students, about the 699 continuous enrollment policy and why students take more 699 credits (dissertation research) than the required 24 credits. The answers varied widely by department, but with 38 responses there is substantial feedback for the committee to keep in mind as they continue their discussion about the continuous enrollment policy.

E. **Fellowships and Scholarships**: Dr. Jenny Shaw

There are no updates at this time.

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

A. **Associate Dean Andrew Goodliffe**:  
The 3-Minute Thesis (3MT) competition was held virtually on November 9, 2020. The winners are as follows: 1st place – Kaitlyn May (Educational Studies in Psychology, Research Methodology, and Counseling), 2nd place – Davidson Gillette (School of Accountancy), 3rd place – Karena Gill (Geological Sciences), 4th place – Mark Boyd (Geological Sciences). The People’s Choice award went to Emily Owen (Communication Studies). Thank you to our judges, participants, and virtual audience. We look forward to doing this event in-person again in the future.

B. **Dean Susan Carvalho**  
Dr. Carvalho presented a Resolution to recognize Associate Dean Dr. Cathy Pagani for her years of service to the Graduate School. Dr. Pagani became Associate Dean in summer 2015, and will be returning to her faculty role in Art & Art History on 12/31/2020. Dr. Carvalho thanked her for all that she has done for the students and faculty in her role as Associate Dean.

IV. **Reports from Standing University Committees**  
None

V. **New Business**  
None

VI. **Adjournment**  

There being no further business, Dean Carvalho adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm.