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**Administrative Board of the Graduate School  
April 15, 2021**

[Zoom](#)  
**10:00 am**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Jonathan Allen, Steve Allen, John Blondin, Lisa Chapman, Deanna Dannels, Cameron Denson, John Dole, Sharon Joines, Sam Jones, Srinu Krishnamurthy, John Lee, Alun Lloyd, Eric Money, James Mulholland, Spencer Muse, Melissa Pasquinelli, Kara Peters, Richard Gould, Kuncheng Song, Eileen Taylor, Susan Tonkonogy, Kelly Umstead, Kayla Anima, Fashaad Crawford, Pierre Gremaud, Peter Harries, Lian Lynch, Tim Petty, Kyle Pysher

**Members Absent:** Pamela McCauley

**Other Attendees:** Deborah Acker, Matthew Fisher, Nils Peterson, Jorge Piedrahita

**The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.**

**I. Approval of Minutes**

March 11, 2021 was approved.

**II. Administrative Board Action Items**

**A. Program Actions**

*College of Agriculture and Life Sciences*

- a. At the request of the department of Crop and Soil Sciences, a proposal to change the curriculum for the Master of Soil Science (presented by Dr. John Dole) was approved.

*College of Engineering*

- a. At the request of the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, a request to deliver the Graduate Certificate in Renewable Energy Electric Systems online (presented by Dr. Richard Gould) was approved.

*College of Natural Resources*

- a. At the request of the Center of Geospatial Analytics, a proposal to discontinue select subplans and update descriptions for remaining plans and subplans for the Master of Geospatial Information Science and Technology (presented by Dr. Eric Money) was approved.

*Interdisciplinary*

- a. At the request of the Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology program, a proposal to create an Accelerated Bachelor's / Master's (ABM) program with the Master of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology and the Master of Science in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology (presented by Dr. Nils Peterson) was approved.
- b. At the request of the Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering, a proposal to create a minor in Teamwork in Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research (presented by Dr. Matthew Fisher) was approved.
- c. At the request of the Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering, a proposal to create a course prefix "TEAM" (presented by Dr. Matthew Fisher) was approved with the condition that the prefix change to "TIBR".

**B. Course Actions**

A motion was made to approve items under section B as consent agenda. The motion was passed and the items were approved.

*College of Agriculture and Life Sciences*

- a. At the request of the department of Applied Ecology, a proposal to create the course AEC 470/570—Urban Ecology  
*consultation(s): Dr. Madhusudan Katti (College of Natural Resources)*
- b. At the request of the department of Food Processing and Nutrition, a proposal to create the course NTR 411/511—Public Health Perspectives in Infant Feeding  
*consultation(s): n/a*
- c. At the request of the department of Food Processing and Nutrition, a proposal to create the course NTR 412/512—Clinical Concepts in Infant Feeding  
*consultation(s): n/a*
- d. At the request of the department of Food Processing and Nutrition, a proposal to create the course NTR 413/513—Clinical Concepts in Infant Feeding Laboratory  
*consultation(s): n/a*
- e. At the request of the department of Food Processing and Nutrition, a proposal to create the course NTR 440/540—Child & Adolescent Nutrition  
*consultation(s): n/a*

*College of Engineering*

- a. At the request of the department of Civil Engineering, a proposal to create the course CE 727—Seismic Analysis, Assessment, and Design of Concrete Buildings  
*consultation(s): requested from College of Design with no response*
- b. At the request of the Fitts Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering, a proposal to create the course ISE/OR 425/525—Medical Decision Making  
*consultation(s): Dr. John Blondin (College of Sciences)*

*College of Humanities and Social Sciences*

- a. At the request of the department of Foreign Languages & Literature, a proposal to create the course FL 675—Special Project in TESOL  
*consultation(s): n/a*

*Poole College of Management*

- a. At the request of the department of Accounting, a proposal to create the course ACC 545—Information Technology Audit  
*consultation(s): n/a*
- b. At the request of the department of Accounting, a proposal to create the course ACC 580—Data Analytics in Accounting  
*consultation(s): Dr. Richard Gould (College of Engineering); Dr. John Blondin (College of Sciences); Dr. Deanna Dannels (College of Humanities and Social Sciences)*
- c. At the request of the department of Business Management, a proposal to create the course MBA 512—Ethical Thinking for Managers  
*consultation(s): Dr. Deanna Dannels (College of Humanities and Social Sciences)*

*Wilson College of Textiles*

- a. At the request of the department of Textile Engineering Chemistry & Science, a proposal to create the course TE 518—Textile Electronics – Materials and Systems  
*consultation(s): n/a*

**C. Course Revisions**

A motion was made to approve items under section C, with the exception for course ISE/OR 772, as consent agenda. The motion was passed and the items were approved. ISE/OR 772 was tabled for the next meeting.

*College of Agriculture and Life Sciences*

- a. At the request of the department of Horticultural Science, a proposal to edit the course HS/CS/GN 720—Molecular Biology in Plant Breeding
- b. At the request of the department of Horticultural Science, a proposal to edit the course HS/CS/GN 860—Plant Breeding Laboratory

- c. At the request of the department of Horticultural Science, a proposal to edit the course HS/FS 462/562—Postharvest Physiology

*College of Engineering*

- a. At the request of the Fitts Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering, a proposal to edit the course ISE/OR 501—Introduction to Operations Research
- b. At the request of the Fitts Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering, a proposal to edit the course ISE/OR 772—Stochastic Simulation Design and Analysis was tabled for the next meeting.

**D. Minor Actions**

A motion was made to approve items under section D as consent agenda. The motion was passed and the items were approved.

*College of Veterinary Medicine*

- a. At the request of the Teaching – DoCS Department, a request to edit course VMC 900—Advanced Equine Medicine
- b. At the request of the Teaching – DoCS Department, a request to edit course VMC 904—Advanced Equine Theriogenology

**III. New Business**

- a. Discussion about Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 Administrative Board of the Graduate School (ABGS) Meetings (presented by Dean Peter Harries)

Dean Harries discussed the options for Fall 2021 to Spring 2022 ABGS Meeting locations. The consensus was in favor of continuing Zoom meetings through the fall and spring with consideration for meeting for an ABGS social in the spring and the first meeting of every semester following.

- b. Discussion of Graduate Student Assistance returning to campus (presented by Deanna Dannels)

There has been recent discussions outside the ABGS regarding a requirement that graduate students unable to come back to campus in the fall must take a leave of absence. The position of the chancellor articulated across the university is that if there was a face-to-face requirement for a course in Fall 2019 that was amended due to the Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) stay-at-home order, the course must return as such for Fall 2021. Dr. Dannels requested that there be more guidance as to how to evaluate student situations in order to allow students to participate in courses under extenuating circumstances. For example, there is an anticipated problem that some International Students may not be able to physically come to Raleigh by that time. There was no solution or guidance given; however, the intent for this topic was to bring the issue to the ABGS members' radar for a more in-depth discussion later on.

c. Miscellaneous Graduate Discussions

There was a short discussion about S/U grading, and there was no confirmation about whether or not the S/U grading was going to continue through the summer. There was also a short discussion the GRE test admissions requirements, and the push to get it removed from all programs. It is not currently a Graduate School requirement, so it is up to the programs to decide whether or not to require it. Dean Harries requested data from programs who removed the GRE in the more recent years to evaluate what that means. The discussion will continue at a later time with more data present.

**IV. Information Items**

- a. Report from Graduate Student Association (GSA) (presented by Mr. Kuncheng Song)

The conference and travel awards are complete and the participants have been notified.

- b. Report from Faculty Senate (presented by Dr. Eileen Taylor)

There is a big incoming undergraduate class. The Strategic Plan for continuation of teaching in the Fall is available. There is a letter of support for Fayetteville State regarding their issues with the hiring of their Chancellor search committee is being drafted. The student art sale is April 16 at 12:00 pm.

**V. Next scheduled meeting**

April 29, 2021  
10:00 am  
Zoom

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.**