

Graduate Programs Committee (GPC)

AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Time: 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location: School of Nursing—Conference Room 200

Present: A. Austin; C. Berding; M. Bertau; C. Fain; J. Genz; R. Harrison; R. Hogle; D. Jenks; A. Khodkar; D. Overfield; S. Rogers; K. Skott-Myhre; M. Varga

Guest(s): S. Molesworth-Kenyon (Biology Department); Judy Butler (Faculty Senate Chair-Elect)

Absent: C. Vasconcellos

I. Approval of Minutes: September 5, 2017

Discussion: Changes/Modifications/Corrections

Action: **Approved/Passed**

Motion: R. Harrison; Second: A. Austin

II. Course/Program Additions, Modifications, Deletions:

ACTION ITEMS:

A. College of Social Sciences

1. Psychology Department

Originator: Neill Korobov

Program/Course: *Ph.D. in Psychology: Consciousness + Society*

Request: Modify Existing Program (Action Item)

Action: **Approved/Passed**

Motion: M. Varga; Second: C. Berding

Details:

Add **PSYC 8581 Independent Project** to list of approved electives. May be repeated for up to 12 credits. NOTE: The limit to the number of times this course number could be repeated has been an impediment to student progression toward graduation.

Rationale:

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This is to modify the list of approved electives and to offer students ability to develop course content specific to academic area of interest and/or specialty.

B. College of Science + Mathematics

1. Biology Department

Originator: Sara Molesworth-Kenyon
Program/Course: **BIOL 5727: Essentials of Immunology**
Request: Modify Existing Course (Description)
Action: **Approved/Passed**
Motion: M. Varga; Second: M. Bertau

Details:

Seeking **Essentials in Immunology (BIOL 5727)** be modified by inclusion of a laboratory component. These changes are reflected in the modified course description below:

Essentials of Immunology (BIOL 5727) is designed as an introduction to the immune response. The student will obtain a broad, comprehensive understanding of the principles of immunology. The course will focus on a detailed study of antigen-antibody interactions, humoral immunity, and cell-mediated immunity. Medically important syndromes, including AIDS, will be discussed to reinforce the principles of immunology. A laboratory component is included for the exploration of clinical immuno-diagnostic techniques.

Rationale:

The addition of the **BIOL 5727** laboratory course will cover a wide variety of experimental techniques geared towards development of the advanced skills required for a career within the field of immunology.

2. Biology Department

Originator: William Kenyon
Program/Course: **BIOL 5728: Bacterial Pathogenesis**
Request: Modify Existing Course (Description)
Action: **Approved/Passed**
Motion: M. Varga; Second: A. Austin

Details:

Bacterial Pathogenesis (BIOL 5728) be modified by inclusion of a laboratory component. These changes are reflected in the modified course description below:

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***Bacterial Pathogenesis (BIOL 5728)** is intended to familiarize graduate students with advanced topics in medical microbiology and the study of infectious disease. The course includes detailed discussions of factors involved in the infectious disease process, epidemiology, host defenses, and bacterial virulence factors. In addition, graduate students will be required to analyze and critique articles from the scientific literature, to compose a synopsis of their literature research, and orally present their work to the class. The laboratory component will focus on methods routinely used to isolate, culture, and identify bacterial pathogens. Graduate students will be required to present articles from microbiology journals and lead classroom discussions.*

Rationale:

The addition of a laboratory component will give graduate students the opportunity to experience a more focused, and in-depth, laboratory in pathogenic bacteriology, making them more competitive in the job market.

3. Biology Department

Originator: Sara Molesworth-Kenyon

Program/Course: **BIOL 5729: Medical Virology**

Action: **Approved/Passed**

Motion: R. Harrison; Second: S. Rogers

Details:

Seeking **Medical Virology (BIOL 5729)** be modified by inclusion of a laboratory component. These changes are reflected in the modified course description below:

***Medical Virology (BIOL 5729)** is designed as an introduction to viruses that are involved in human disease. The student will obtain a broad, comprehensive understanding of the principles of virology using specific medical examples. The course will focus on a detailed study of the viral structure, replication, gene expression, pathogenesis, and host defense. A laboratory component is included for the exploration of clinical techniques.*

Rationale:

The addition of the **BIOL 5729** laboratory course will cover a wide variety of experimental techniques geared towards development of the advanced skills required for a career within the field of virology.

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III. New Business

A. Nomination of GPC Committee Chair for 2018-2019 Academic Year

1. Postponed until next meeting when all committee members are present; The chair will request a brief bio from each senator eligible for the upcoming committee chair position for the next meeting.

B. Graduate School Updates (any new information or points of interest)

1. Hired a Director of Graduate Student Services, Rahmel Cowen.
2. The Graduate School was able to have two graduate student reps on SGA (Student Government Association).
3. Graduate Student Travel Grant Applications are now being accepted.
4. The Graduate School will award recruitment grants again this year.
5. UCM has developed a Graduate School campaign. Be sure to use #GoWestGoGrad in your social media.
6. The Graduate School will continue to work on the graduate assistantship hiring process.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

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