Present: M. Abel (COGS), C. Ernst (CANR), Y. Figueroa (CAL), T. Grebey (COGS), E. Shapiro (for A. Gilad) (CHM), A. Halvorsen (EDU), M. Haq (EGR), D. Hershey (NURS), T. Hult (BUS), K. Tollefson (for T. Jeitschko) (GRAD), K. Kim (BUS), D. Koslowsky (COM), R. Kulkarni (CNS), J. Lonstein (SSC), J. Riebschleger (COS), E. Roggenkamp (COGS), T. Sharkey (CNS), B. Takahashi (CCAS), B. Van Dyke (CAL), L. Weatherspoon (CANR), D. Wong (EDU), T. Zhou (MUS)

Absent: N. Costello (LAW), A. Moeser (CVM)

The University Committee on Graduate Studies held a regular meeting via Zoom on October 12, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. with Chairperson Denise Hershey presiding. The agenda was approved as presented by unanimous consent. The draft minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Remarks were given by Associate Dean Kirsten Tollefson, the Chairperson, and Council of Graduate Students President Meagan Abel.

The Chairperson nominated Donna Koslowsky as Chairperson of the Graduate Instruction, Employment, and Mentoring Subcommittee. Koslowsky was elected by unanimous consent.

The Chairperson introduced the guest speaker, Research Integrity Officer Jim Pivarnik, who delivered his office’s annual report. By consent, the committee agreed to review the process by which the RIO is reviewed at a later meeting.

Reports were given by the Curriculum and Program Review Subcommittee Chairperson Thomas Sharkey, Academic Research Policy Subcommittee Chairperson Kyonghee Kim, and Graduate Instruction, Employment, and Mentoring Subcommittee Chairperson Donna Koslowsky.

Abel moved to consider the ten items that had been reviewed by the Curriculum and Program Review Subcommittee as a block. The motion was adopted by consent. Abel moved to approve the requested changes to the requirements for:

1. The Master of Laws degree in American Legal System within the College of Law
2. The Master of Laws and Master of Jurisprudence degrees in Intellectual Property and Communications Law within the College of Law
3. The Master of Jurisprudence degree in Legal Doctrine and Analysis within the College of Law
4. The Master of Legal Studies degree in Legal Studies within the College of Law
5. The Master of Laws and Master of Jurisprudence degrees in Global Food Law within the College of Law
6. The Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biomedical Engineering within the College of Engineering
7. The Master of Science degree in Integrative Pharmacology within the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
8. The Master of Science Degree in Pharmacology and Toxicology in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
9. The Master of Music degree in Music Theory within the College of Music

The motion also included approving a requested Moratorium on Admission to the Master of Jurisprudence degree in American Legal System within the College of Law. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Sharkey moved to approve the requested changes to the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Civil Engineering within the College of Engineering. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Sharkey moved to approve the requested changes to the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Environmental Engineering within the College of Engineering. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Tomas Hult moved to change the name of the Master of Science degree in Business Analytics within the Eli Broad College of Business to the “Master of Science degree in Business Data Science and Analytics.” The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Hult moved to approve the request for a new Graduate Certificate in Financial Planning and Wealth Management within the Eli Broad College of Business’s Department of Finance. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Hult moved to approve the request for a new linked Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance and Master of Science degree in Financial Planning and Wealth Management in the Eli Broad College of Business’s Department of Finance. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Hult moved to approve the request for a new Master of Science degree in Financial Planning and Wealth Management within the Eli Broad College of Business’s Department of Finance. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Ben Van Dyke moved to approve the request for a new Graduate Certificate in Real Estate Development and Construction within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resource’s School of Planning, Design and Construction. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Van Dyke moved to approve the request for a new Graduate Certificate in Urban Resilient Redevelopment within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resource’s
School of Planning, Design and Construction. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Van Dyke moved to approve the request for a new Master of Arts degree in Rhetoric and Writing within the College of Arts & Letters’ Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Van Dyke moved to approve the requested changes to the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Sociology within the College of Social Science. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Van Dyke moved to approve the requested establishment of a Graduate Certificate in Foreign Language Teaching within the College of Arts and Letters. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

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Tyler Silvestri
Secretary for Academic Governance

Approved: November 9, 2020