Members Present: Spadoni College of Education – Edward Jadallah, Krystal Curry, Austin Hitt; Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts – Kris McIntyre for Amanda Brian, Tripathi Pillai, Christian Smith, Brian Nance, Steve Earnest, Wes Fondren; Wall College of Business Administration – Arlise McKinney, Mark Mitchell, Ken Small, Janice Black; College of Science – Roi Gurka, Sathish Kumar; Julianna Harding; Registrar – Dan Lawless; Director of Graduate Studies – James Luken; Faculty Senate – Richard Viso; Kimbel Library – John Felts

Members Absent: Glenda Kelley; College of Science – Colleen McGlone; Wall College of Business – Greg Krippel.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. James Luken at 11:45 a.m. in the Board Room (#164), College of Humanities & Fine Arts

Old Business:
A. Approval of January 3, 2018 Graduate Council Minutes
Minutes were approved by Graduate Council

New Business:

A. College of Science
a. The revised proposal for the M.S. in Integrated Biology was presented. The following changes were made: edited student learning outcomes; focused assessment on outcomes and made them in line with other programs. Clarified that students will be given a second chance to pass research or thesis defense. Thesis is variable credit of 6-7 hours. Clarified that once a thesis is completed it needs to be submitted online. The proposed start date for the new Master’s program is fall of 2019. This program will be broader than other programs currently offered and will focus on doing lab or field research. Student in this program are allowed to count CMSS and CMWS courses toward electives to fulfill requirements of the Masters of Integrated Biology.

b. Edit BIOL 611 Fish Conservation
1. Change title to Fish Conservation Biology. Title change between paragraph and description.

Change approved by Graduate Council

**B. College of Humanities and Fine Arts**

a. The new Master of Arts in Communication was presented. Clarification of proposed accrediting of the MA in Communication. Because most of the courses are already in place, this will likely require a notification to SACS and CHE. This new master’s program will allow students to choose one of two concentrations either in leadership or activism. These were chosen as surveys showed that there was a need for communication in leadership and in activism. There is also no hard GRE requirement as many of the projected students are going to be professionals who need additional training or certification. Also there will be no set GPA requirements as well. The program will take professional experience in place of a GRE. Proposed fall 2019 launch. There will be a zero credit hour course required in order to get a teaching assistantship. This master’s program will be the only Communication Leadership Master’s degree offered in SC.

All proposed changes were approved by the graduate council.

**A. Spadoni College of Education**

A. New Ph.D. Interdisciplinary in Education.

The proposed Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Education will fill a regional need. This will be a degree with a projected cohort of 20 students matriculating in the fall. This program will fill a regional need for the area and people who do not wish to commute elsewhere in the state or obtain an online Ph.D. The scope of the program will give a broader base. Naming the degree “interdisciplinary” reflects that the program will be broad and will cover a wide range of issues that today’s educators are faced with and will cover more disciplines within the context of education.

Graduate council to approve with corrections
B. Wall College of Business

A. Request for credit change to MBA Course 650
   Increase the credits from two to three

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   Increase the credits from two to three.

Changes approved by the graduate council.

The next meeting will focus on changes to the curriculum.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm