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MEMORANDUM

To: Kevin Wagner, Ph.D., UFS President
From: Paul R. Peluso, Ph.D. UGC Chair
Date: February 26, 2020
RE: UGC Rationale for Action Items Agenda
CC: UFS Steering Committee

At the February 26, 2020, University Graduate Council meeting, four items of curriculum from the College of Engineering and Computer Science were placed on the Action Items Agenda. For the three Professional Ph.D. programs, the committee did not have any curricular issues with the Ph.D. programs (as they are identical to the already approved programs). However, the UGC did wish to bring to the attention to the UFS Steering committee, the following:

Work by tenured faculty members to deliver self-sustaining degree programs must be independent of, and in addition to, their work delivering traditional degree programs at the University. While it is easy to see how faculty members can offer graduate-level courses in self-sustaining programs without interfering with their regular assigned duties, the Graduate Council believes that a broader discussion of this general issue is necessary specifically for doctoral programs with research-intensive thesis or dissertation requirements. That discussion should occur within the UFS, in concert with the Provost's office and possibly the University General Counsel.

The UGC also decided to place the Professional Master of Science with Major in Artificial Intelligence. This is a self-sustaining program, that was approved with a positive recommendation.