I. Call to Order
Craig Guilbault, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call
Members Present:
David Allen, Abigail Amissah-Arthur, Barbara Bales, Martha Carlin, Sarah Davies Cordova, Erin Fox (ex officio), Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska (ex officio), Craig Guilbault, Tracey Heatherington (ex officio), Seyed Hosseini, Peninnah Kako, Laura Otto-Salaj, Jason Puskar, Diane Schadewald, Aaron Schutz, Richard Smiraglia, Habib Tabatabai, James Vining, Jon Welstead, Erin Winkler, Jane Witten, Cheng Zheng

Members Absent:
Hemant Jain, Jenny Kehl, Hamid Ouali, Timothy Patrick, Greg Thomson

Guests:
Vytaras Brazaushas, Mike Darnell, Jennifer Earl-Boehm, Vicky Everson, Rosemary Feiza-Lenz, Joyce Hamm, Pat Hayes, Kathleen Koch, Heidi Vrankin Matera, Jen Singer, Kristene Surerus, Allegra Troiano, Molly Wierzblicki

III. Announcements
Craig Guilbault asked the GFC members to introduce themselves.

IV. Information Only
1. Notice of Intent to Plan MS in Atmospheric Sciences
2. Notice of Intent to Plan PhD in Atmospheric Sciences

Craig Guilbault asked for a motion to re-order the agenda so that Graduate School Dean Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska can present her report before departing the GFC meeting early to attend a Chancellor’s Enrollment Management Action Team meeting (CEMAT). Moved, seconded, and approved.

V. Reports
1. Report from Dean of the Graduate School
Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska provided an update on CEMAT’s work which is focusing on enrollment numbers and strategies.

She indicated that, to date, funds in the Graduate School budget allocated for graduate fellowships and Chancellor’s Graduate Student awards (CGSA), Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP) awards, and graduate student travel awards have been protected from cuts. An increase in graduate assistantships has not yet been achieved. Five UWM teams are being established to line up with the Strategic Plan. One of the teams will focus on graduate assistantship stipends.

A graduate student enrollment update was provided. To date, there are approximately 60 fewer new PhD students enrolled.

2. Report from the GFC Chair
   No report was given.

   Barbara Bales asked about the status of summer residency. Pat Hayes provided clarification with regard to the UW System policy. This topic was discussed at a previous meeting, but no decisions were made. Discussion followed. This topic will be added to a future GFC agenda for further discussion.

VI. Special Order of Business
   Aaron Schutz was nominated and unanimously elected as the GFC Vice Chair. Barbara Bales was nominated and unanimously elected as the GFC Secretary.

VII. Automatic Consent
   The following items were approved as distributed:
   - May 11, 2015 GFC meeting minutes
   - Annual Reports: Graduate Course & Curriculum Subcommittee 2014-15 and Graduate program Reviews Subcommittee 2014-15
   - Program Change – Master of Social Work, GFC Doc 1367
   - Program Change – PhD in Mathematics, Add Transcript-Designated Concentration in Actuarial Science, GFC Doc 936
   - Certificate Change – Certificate in Translation, GFC Doc 1368
   - Program Change – MA in Women’s Studies, GFC Doc 1369
   - Certificate Change – Certificate in Women’s Studies, GFC Doc 1370
   - Program Review – Engineering MS, PhD, and Computer Science MS, GFC Doc 1374

VIII. New Business
1. **New Program – Integrated Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree – UWM BA with major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies/MA in Language, Literature, and Translation**
   Mike Darnell provided background information about the proposed degree. Tracey Heatherington provided an overview of the GFC policy and the rationale for the policy. Discussion followed and included a recommendation for streamlining the approval process of integrated bachelor’s/master’s degrees. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Integrated Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree – UWM BA with major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies/MA in Language, Literature, and Translation. It passed unanimously.

2. **New Program – MS in Athletic Training**
   Jennifer Earl-Boehm provided background information on the undergraduate degree and the professional degree. The accrediting body (Commission on the Accreditation of Athletic Training Education [CAATE]) now requires this degree at the master’s level. Discussion followed regarding the curriculum and what jobs are available where. Enrollments to the BS program have now been suspended. A motion was made and seconded to approve the MS in Athletic Training. It passed unanimously.

3. **Policy Change – English Proficiency**
   Kristene Surerus and Kathleen Koch provided background information for the proposed policy changes which include an option to pass TOEFL via a portfolio assessment after taking an ESL course. Discussion followed.

   At this point, a motion was made and seconded to approve extending the meeting by five minutes. It passed unanimously.

   Discussion continued regarding the proposed policy changes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Policy Change – English Proficiency. It passed unanimously.

4. **GFC representatives on other standing committees**
   Items a-e under this topic were postponed until the October GFC meeting.

**IX. Adjournment**
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. It passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.