

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
Graduate Faculty Committee

Minutes

January 23, 2012, 3:00 p.m.
Union 280

I. Call to Order

GFC Chair Anne Wysocki called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Michael Brondino	Anthony Ross
Benjamin Campbell	Amanda Seligman
Maria Gajdardziska-Josifovska (<i>ex officio</i>)	Regina Smith
Jennifer Gruenewald	Kristene Surerus
Donald Hanlon	Kurt Svoboda
Kathleen Koch (<i>ex officio</i>)	Luc Vanier
Hur-Li Lee	Carla Wiggins
Michael Liston (<i>ex officio</i>)	Doug Woods (<i>ex officio</i>)
Edward Mabry	Anne Wysocki
Devendra Misra	Shangping Xu
Stuart Moulthrop	David Yu (<i>ex officio</i>)

Members Absent:

Anoop Dhingra	Christine Larson
Steve Hardcastle	Festus Obiakor
Jerry Kaster	Beth Rodgers
Yong-Cheol Kim	Laura Voith
Lawrence Kuiper	Jon Welstead

Guests:

Shukrani Gray, Peter Hansen, Graduate School; Janet Padway, Suyu Lin, UWM Libraries; Mark Harris, Interim Senior Special Assistant to the Chancellor; Darcie Galowitch Warren, Amy Harley, Lance Weinhardt, Ron Cisler, School of Public Health; Ed Rodriguez, Academic Affairs

III. Announcements

Amanda Seligman announced the publication of her new book, *Is Graduate School Really for You?* and passed around a copy.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- IV. Presentation on libraries, graduate education, and research by Janet Padway, Assistant Director of Libraries

Janet covered the following topics:

Journals The last serious journal cancellation was in 2009 when 1,000 print subscriptions were discontinued. Seven hundred were switched to electronic subscriptions; only 300 subscriptions were canceled completely. Recent increase in indirect cost returns from the Graduate School to the library has allowed the library to purchase about 300 new journal titles. Library now has access to about 60,000 titles. The libraries also received assistance from Ed Tech funds that allowed a decreased dependence on interlibrary loan, and from the Friends of the Library that allowed conversion of some printed reference materials to electronic format.

Electronic submission of theses and dissertations The Graduate School is working with ProQuest. This summer, voluntary submissions will be accepted to test the system, with all electronic submissions in fall 2012. David Yu said the Graduate School will offer presentations to prepare dissertators for electronic submission.

Open Access Task Force – Open Access is the practice of providing unrestricted access via the Internet to peer-reviewed scholarly journal articles. (There is increasing inclusion of theses, scholarly monographs and book chapters.) Authors publish in any journal and then self-archive a version of the article for free public use in their institutional repository. A task force has been formed and is working with the digital futures group to expand and increase submissions to this repository by UWM students and faculty.

AUTOMATIC CONSENT

Anne Wysocki suggested that GFC 1215 be taken off Automatic Consent to allow for discussion. Kurt Svoboda moved to remove GFC 1215 from Automatic Consent; Ed Mabry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- V. Minutes of the Regular Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting December 19, 2011
The minutes were approved as distributed.

- VI. Recommendation of the Subcommittee on Graduate Course and Curriculum, the School of Education Faculty Assembly, the School of Education Curriculum Committee, and the Faculty of the Department of Educational Psychology to Establish a Graduate Certificate in Children's Mental Health for School Professionals

GFC Doc. No.
1214

Items V and VI were approved as distributed.

REPORTS

VIII. Report from David Yu, Interim Dean of the Graduate School

- The Graduate School is still seeking nominations from graduate programs for Graduate Student Advisory Council members. So far 42 students were invited to join the council, and 15 have given positive replies.
- Mark Harris will form a working group to examine long-term approaches to raising stipend levels for graduate assistants.

Michael Liston provided updates on vacancies in the Graduate School:

- There are 17 applicants for the Director of Graduate Education position. Search & Screen committee chair Doug Woods hopes to hold interviews in late February or early March.
- Position descriptions for a PAWS specialist (replacement for retired employee) and Web developer (new position) have been approved. The cabinet is just starting to discuss the opening for an Assistant Dean for Administrative and Financial Services.
- The Graduate School is working to establish a grant proposal development office. There are only two such offices on campus, in CEAS and Nursing. One person has been hired as a split appointment between the Office of Sponsored Programs and the Biomedical and Health Informatics Research Institute. The intent is to have an additional full-time position by this summer.
- Pat Hayes will continue as interim graduate student services director until summer 2012 or until a new director is hired, whichever is earliest.

Mark Harris presented plans to distribute additional funding for graduate student support as follows:

- A \$20,000 increase in the base allocation for the Chancellor's awards
\$10,000 for the School of Freshwater Sciences
\$5,000 for Translation
\$5,000 for Nonprofit Management and Public Administration
- A one-time increase for Chancellor's award of \$165,000
- Raise the available funds for Research Excellence Awards to \$670,000
- Increase stipends for the Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowships to \$13,750
- Increase stipends for the Dissertation Fellowships to \$16,500

IX. Chair's Report.

Anne Wysocki discussed the following:

- Fellowship increases: There will be 18 each of Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowships and Dissertation Fellowships, and the amount of each award will increase.
- Before the next meeting Anne will send to each member a packet of fellowship award information for consideration of changes to the process of fellowship nominations and awards.

- The GFC chair for next academic year will be elected at the February meeting. Members were encouraged to consider nominations.
- Volunteers are needed for the stipends working group.

X. Subcommittee Reports
There was nothing to report since the last GFC meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. Graduate Assistant Employment Grievance Procedures [January 2012 Draft](#)

Michael Brondino moved to approve; Anthony Ross seconded. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

VII. Recommendation of the Subcommittee on Graduate Course and Curriculum and the Faculty of the Joseph J. Zilber School of Public Health for Authorization to Implement a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Public Health with a Concentration on Community and Behavioral Health Promotion GFC Doc. No.
1215

Ed Mabry moved to approve GFC Document 1215. Michael Brondino seconded the motion.

Representatives from the School of Public Health answered questions from the GFC, stating the following:

- No funds will be redirected from current programs
- The school is required to have five faculty in Community and Behavioral Health Promotion for accreditation; there are seven.
- Twenty-five full-time faculty will eventually be needed for accreditation of the three PhD programs planned for ZSPH.
- They have already hired two faculty for Epidemiology PhD, which will be introduced next year.
- ZSPH must award PhDs before the program can be accredited, which is expected in 2014.

GFC Document 1215 was approved unanimously

- XII. Discussion of formation of GFC Graduate Assistant Appeals Panel (GAAP); Volunteers needed to serve on GAAP for spring semester, 2012

Anne Wysocki said procedures were needed for establishing and maintaining an ongoing group, noting that the panel will comprise two GFC-appointed faculty members, two graduate assistants, and the labor relations coordinator. The faculty members must be willing to serve on very short notice and there must be representation from across units.

Edward Mabry suggested that the GFC be the faculty pool from which members are chosen and expressed skepticism that graduate students would be willing to serve. Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska noted that graduate students who serve on misconduct committees do so willingly and make valuable contributions.

Anne Wysocki said it would be important to have membership that is consistent and brings a historical perspective to the group.

After much discussion, Michael Brondino made the following motion:

An ad hoc subcommittee of the GFC should be formed, consisting of two people appointed by the chair to coordinate the Graduate Faculty Committee representation to the Graduate Assistant Appeals Panel.

Luc Vanier seconded. Passed unanimously

GENERAL GOOD & WELFARE

- XII. There was no time for discussion of additional matters.

- XIII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Hansen, Graduate School
For Stuart Moulthrop