

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
Graduate Faculty Committee

Minutes

February 20, 2012, 3:00 p.m.
Union 240

I. Call to Order

GFC Chair Anne Wysocki called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Michael Brondino
Maria Gajdardziska-Josifovska
(*ex officio*)
Yong-Cheol Kim
Kathleen Koch (*ex officio*)
Hur-Li Lee
Michael Liston (*ex officio*)
Devendra Misra
Stuart Moulthrop

Paul Roebber
Amanda Seligman
Kristene Surerus
Kurt Svoboda
Jon Welstead
Carla Wiggins
Anne Wysocki
Shangping Xu
David Yu (*ex officio*)

Members Absent:

Benjamin Campbell
Anoop Dhingra
Jennifer Gruenewald
Donald Hanlon
Steve Hardcastle
Jerry Kaster
Lawrence Kuiper
Christine Larson

Edward Mabry
Festus Obiakor
Beth Rodgers
Anthony Ross
Regina Smith
Luc Vanier
Laura Voith
Doug Woods (*ex officio*)

Guests:

Michelle Boettcher, Graduate School; Paul Fischer, Dawn Koerten, Lubar School of Business

III. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements at this time.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

IV. Election for 2012-2013 GFC Chair

Anne Wysocki explained that in the past two years the election of the GFC Chair has taken place in February. This has occurred to give time for the 2012-2013 GFC Chair to become acclimated. Anne opened the floor for nominations. Kristene Surerus nominated Michael Brondino. There were no other nominations. Devendra Misra made a motion to approve Michael Brondino as GFC Chair. Carla Wiggins seconded. Passed unanimously.

AUTOMATIC CONSENT

V. Minutes of the Regular Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of January 23, 2012
The minutes were approved as distributed.

VI. Recommendation of the Subcommittee on Graduate Course and Curriculum, the College of Health Sciences Course and Curriculum Committee and the Faculty of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders for Changes to the Requirements for the Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders

GFC Doc. No.
1216

VII. Recommendation of the Subcommittee on Graduate Course and Curriculum, and the Faculty of the Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business for Changes to Requirements of the Master of Science in Management - Accounting Concentration

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The above documents were approved as distributed.

REPORTS

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

The first Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 21st. The GFC chair will be in attendance, and other GFC members are also welcomed. The

purpose of the meeting is to charge the graduate students to form the Graduate Student Advisory Council. Thirty-eight invites were sent and nineteen participants are expected. The Graduate School will help provide logistics or materials needed for this council.

Maria Gajdardziska-Josifovska discussed the Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowships and the Dissertation Fellowships. There are 18 students chosen per fellowship. During this current cycle the goal was to increase the fellowship's funding to match the TA's funding. That was accomplished this year. There was a total increase in funding for fellowships of \$65,000.

Michael Liston gave an update on open positions in the Graduate School. There were 17 applicants for the Graduate Education Director. The search and screen committee narrowed the list to eight people. They interviewed four candidates last week and plan on interviewing four more this week. The search and screen committee then plan on narrowing those eight candidates down to four. Other positions moving forward are the Web Developer, UBR/Assistant Dean, Grant Developer, and PAWS specialist. The Graduate School is also considering appointing the Interim ITA Director as a permanent ITA Director. The Director of Recruitment, Retention, Fellowships and Diversity position will need to be better analyzed to determine what will work best for the Graduate School. The SIRES unit is also looking to hire permanent staff by the end of year.

David informed GFC members about his upcoming March trip to China for the CERNET recruitment. He will have more information upon his return. Amanda Seligman asked how many graduate students will be participating in the CERNET recruitment. David Yu did not have an exact number but knew that it would be a mixture of undergraduate and graduate students. Jon Welstead inquired where the students will be housed. Initially they will be housed on campus, in the future CERNET will provide housing downtown. Kurt Svoboda wanted to know if these students were being admitted into the University with financial support. Departments could offer assistantships to students who enter through CERNET, but most will pay their own tuition.

IX. Chair's Report

Anne Wysocki is in the process of collecting data to make sure all concerns are addressed regarding Fellowships. These are:

- The number of graduate students nominated per department.
- Consideration for professional programs.
- Acknowledging master's student, incoming students, and part time students.
- Clarified procedures and criteria.

The APBC is concentrating on contributing to the budget planning model. The essential criteria for judging the budget model was economic, now focus has turned to academic criteria.

X. Subcommittee Reports

A. Fellowships

The committee will have two meetings, one to discuss Distinguished Fellowships and another to discuss Dissertation Fellowships

B. Graduate Program Review

No report at this time.

C. Graduate Course and Curriculum

No report at this time.

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XI. Discussion of Fellowship Awards

Discussion on the Fellowship Awards was taken off the agenda pending completion of data collection (see Chair's Report).

XII. Other

No other items were discussed.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Boettcher, Graduate School
For Stuart Moulthrop