

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
Graduate Faculty Committee

Minutes

March 26, 2012, 3:00 p.m.
Union 280

I. Call to Order

GFC Chair Anne Wysocki called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Michael Brondino
Benjamin Campbell
Maria Gajdardziska-Josifovska
(*ex officio*)
Jennifer Gruenewald
Donald Hanlon
Kathleen Koch (*ex officio*)
Christine Larson
Hur-Li Lee
Michael Liston (*ex officio*)
Edward Mabry
Devendra Misra

Amanda Seligman
Regina Smith
Kristene Surerus
Kurt Svoboda
Luc Vanier
Jon Welstead
Carla Wiggins
Anne Wysocki
Shangping Xu
David Yu (*ex officio*)

Members Absent:

Anoop Dhingra
Steve Hardcastle
Jerry Kaster
Yong-Cheol Kim
Lawrence Kuiper
Stuart Moulthrop

Festus Obiakor
Beth Rodgers
Paul Roebber
Anthony Ross
Laura Voith
Doug Woods (*ex officio*)

Guests:

Michelle Boettcher, Graduate School; Mark Harris, Interim Senior Special Assistant to the Chancellor

III. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements at this time.

AUTOMATIC CONSENT

- IV. Minutes of the Regular Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting February 20, 2012
The minutes were approved as distributed.
- V. Recommendation of the Subcommittee on Graduate Course and Curriculum, the School of Letters and Science Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee, and the Faculty of the Department Of History for Changes to the Requirements of the Master of Arts in History [1218](#)
- 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 Policy and Community Studies for Changes to the Requirements for the Master of Science in Cultural Foundations of Education [1219](#)
- VII. Recommendation of the Subcommittee on Graduate Course and Curriculum, the College of Health Sciences Research and Graduate Programs Committee, and the Faculty of the Department of Occupational Science and Technology for Changes to the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy [1220](#)
- VIII. Recommendation of the Subcommittee on Graduate Course and Curriculum, the Women’s Studies Program, and the Department of Social Work to Establish a Coordinated Degree Program Leading to the Master of Arts in Women’s Studies and the Master of Social Work [1221](#)
- IX. Report and Recommendations of the Subcommittee on Graduate Program Reviews for the Review of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program [1222](#)
- X. Report and Recommendations of the Subcommittee on Graduate Program Reviews for the Review of the Opera and Vocal Arts Certificate [1223](#)
- XI. Report and Recommendations of the Subcommittee on Graduate Program Reviews for the Mid-Cycle Review of the Mediation and Negotiation Certificate Program [1224](#)
- XII. Two-Year Follow-Up Report of the Subcommittee on Graduate Program Reviews for the Review of the Master of Science in Health Care Informatics [1175A](#)

The above documents were approved as distributed.

REPORTS

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

International Recruitment

David Yu reported on a recent recruitment event in Beijing. There were sixty thousand in attendance for the 2 day event that was supported by CERNET (China Education and Research Network). Universities from all over the world were in attendance; fifty-four were from the United States. About 50 students are expected to enroll at UWM next fall through CERNET.

Jointly offered Ph.D. Programs

The Graduate School is exploring the basic structure and requirements of joint Ph.D. programs (a single curriculum developed and offered in partnership with other institutions; upon completion student receives one diploma that includes each institution's name). Possibilities exist to offer joint Ph.D. programs with the Medical College of Wisconsin in areas of Biomedical Engineering and Public Health.

There are also preliminary discussions with Ningbo University to develop a dual degree program (students study at two or more institutions; upon completion of the program they receive a separate diploma from each institution).

Graduate Student Advisory Council

The second meeting of this group was held. Discussion arose pertaining to the structure of the Graduate Student Advisory Council. The Graduate School shared with the students different examples they can follow for determining membership. There was consensus that all programs should be represented, so the model of the Graduate Program Representatives will be followed.

Director of Graduate Education

The Graduate School is currently recruiting for a Director of Graduate Education. There will be two candidates this week on campus for interviews. It was requested that GFC members attend the interview process during the time allotted.

XIV. Chair's Report

The APBC has been focusing on defining academic values to use in evaluating budget models, and has forwarded their recommendations to the Faculty Senate.

There were 63 applicants for the Graduate School Research Committee Awards. A group of past awardees will meet on April 4 to select recipients for this year.

The Ad Hoc Committee for Fellowships has been working diligently on new criteria which will be discussed under the Special Order of Business.

XV. Subcommittee Reports

A. Fellowships

Sixty nominations were reviewed for the Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowship. Awardees have been notified. They have until April 15 to accept the fellowship. Forty-four applications for Dissertation Fellowships will be considered this week.

B. Graduate Program Review
No report at this time.

C. Graduate Course and Curriculum
No report at this time.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

XVI. Presentation by the Ad Hoc Committee on Fellowships

There have been regular Ad hoc meetings with Anne Wysocki, the Graduate School Associate Deans, Ben Campbell, Luc Vanier, Michael Brondino, Hur-Li Lee, and previous chairs of subcommittees to discuss particular concerns regarding Fellowships. Discussion included use of the Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowship as a recruiting tool. There was consensus that the award could be utilized as a recruitment tool as long as the academic program is cognizant that funding will be lost if a student decides not to attend UWM (it would not go to another student from that program unless that person was at the top of the alternates list). Another topic discussed was the competition for awards between master's students, Ph.D. students early in their program, and dissertators. Discussion on this topic will continue at the next meeting.

GENERAL GOOD AND WELFARE

XVII. There was insufficient time to discuss any other matters.

XVIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Boettcher, Graduate School
for Stuart Moulthrop