

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
Graduate Faculty Committee

Minutes

September 19, 2011, 3:00 p.m.
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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, Benjamin Campbell, Anoop Dhingra, Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska (*ex officio*), Kathleen Koch (*ex officio*), Christine Larson, Hur-Li Lee, Michael Liston (*ex officio*), Edward Mabry, Devendra Misra, Stuart Moulthrop, Beth Rodgers, Amanda Seligman, Kristene Surerus, Kurt Svoboda, Luc Vanier, Bruce Wade, Jon Welstead, Douglas Woods (*ex officio*), Anne Wysocki (Chair), Shangping Xu, David Yu (*ex officio*)

Members Absent:

Donald Hanlon, Yong-Cheol Kim, Lawrence Kuiper, Festus Obiakor, Regina Smith,

Guests:

Peter Hansen, Michelle Boettcher, Pat Hayes, Graduate School; Susan McRoy, EECS/Medical Informatics; Roberta Corrigan, Linguistics/ILLI Certificate; Johannes Britz, Interim Provost; Dev Venugopalan, Associate Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

III. Remarks from Johannes Britz, Interim Provost

Johannes Britz thanked all members of the GFC for their willingness to serve on this committee. He also thanked David Yu and the Associate Deans for assisting in the reorganization of the Graduate School.

- He reported the overall numbers for graduate students have dropped, with a significant decline in master's programs.
- There has been an ad hoc budget committee assembled to develop a budget model to meet the needs of UWM in the next 10-15 years.
- He encouraged GFC members to attend the Digital Future Campus Summit September 27.

- IV. Changes in federal regulatory framework for higher education with issues requiring governance committee action, Dev Venugopalan, Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

Dev Venugopalan distributed handouts with new rules from the Department of Education. Main items for the GFC are establishing a 30-credit minimum for master's programs and a requirement that all faculty have a degree equivalent to the level at which they are teaching. It was noted that the timeline to complete changes is the 2011-12 academic year.

- V. Election of Vice Chair and Secretary for 2011-12

Amanda Seligman nominated herself for vice chair; there were no other nominations. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Stuart Moulthrop nominated himself for secretary; there were no other nominations. Vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORTS

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

David Yu distributed and discussed a new organizational chart for the Graduate School. The GFC charged the Dean and Associate Deans to give specific numbers on vacant positions to better understand the needs of the Graduate School. Discussion ensued that the Graduate School needed to be not just a service unit, but innovators and leaders that set the standards for assessing graduate programs.

- VII. Chair's Report

Anne Wysocki thanked everyone for being there. Special thanks were given to Amanda Seligman and Stuart Moulthrop for stepping into the Vice Chair and Secretary positions. Another mention of appreciation was given to Luc Vanier, Ben Campbell, and Hur-Li Lee for chairing the sub-committees. She also reported that she will be attending the Academic Planning Budget Committee and Research Policy Committee meetings; Don Hanlon will be the GFC representative on the Physical Environment Committee.

Anne emphasized the significance of the work being accomplished, and the importance of reading the GFC documents beforehand.

The members were charged to discuss priorities for the GFC for the year. Among these will be graduate student funding.

AUTOMATIC CONSENT

VIII. Minutes of the Regular Graduate Faculty Council Meeting of May 16, 2011
The minutes were approved as distributed.

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| IX. Recommendation of the Subcommittee on Graduate Course and Curriculum and the Faculty of the College of Engineering and Applied Science for Transcript Designated Concentrations within the Master of Science in Engineering Degree Program | 934
Rev. Sept 2011 |
| X. Recommendation of the Subcommittee on Graduate Course and Curriculum, and the Faculty of the Department of Architecture for Transcript-Designated Concentrations within the Master of Architecture Program | 1090
Rev. Sept 2011 |
| XI. Recommendation of the Faculty of the School of Architecture to Discontinue the Certificate in Preservation Studies within the Master of Architecture Degree Program | 1201 |
| XII. Annual Report of the Graduate School Research Committee 2010-2011 | 1202 |
| XIII. Recommendation of the School of Education Curriculum Committee, the Faculty of the Departments of Curriculum and Instruction, Exceptional Education, and Educational Psychology, and the Faculty of The School of Education to Establish a Graduate Certificate in Interdisciplinary Language and Literacy Intervention | 1203 |
| XIV. Recommendation of the School of Education Curriculum Committee, the Faculty of the Department of Educational Policy and Community Studies, and the Faculty of the School of Education to Establish a Graduate Certificate in Educational Policy | 1204 |

All of the above documents were approved as distributed.

XV. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.