

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Graduate Faculty Committee**

Minutes

Monday, February 17, 2014

3:00 p.m., Union E 240

**I. Call To Order**

GFC Chair Kristene Surerus called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

*Members Present:*

Michael Brondino, Joel DesArmo, Jacques Du Plessis, Maria Gajdardziska-Josifovska (ex officio), Craig Guilbault, Eric Herhuth, Kathleen Koch (ex officio), Christine Larson, Michael Liston (ex officio), Vyara Matson, Sarah Morgan, Karen Morin, Gabriel Rei-Doval, Patricia Richards, , Regina Smith, Kristene Surerus (*Chair*), Jon Welstead

*Members Absent:*

Anthony Azenabor, Barbara Bales, Sukanya Banerjee, Naira Campbell-Kyureghyan, Anoop Dhingra, Jerry Kaster, Rina Kundu, Mike Schadewald, Brian Schermer, Mark Schwartz, Amanda Seligman, Caroline Seymour-Jorn, Jeffrey Sommers, Mark Srite, Peter Tonellato

*Guests:*

Erin Fox, Peter Hansen, Graduate School

**III. Announcements**

Kathleen Koch noted that the changes to the Professional Accounting-Assurance Services and Professional Accounting-Taxation tracks in the Master of Science in Management contained in GFC Doc. 1299 do not appear correctly in the updated list of all transcript-designated concentrations within the M.S. in Management (GFC Doc. 910). The correct course distribution is given in 1299; document 910 will be edited to match.

**IV. Information Only**

The UW-System pre-authorization to plan an M.F.A. in Choreography was received by the GFC.

**V. Automatic Consent**

The following items were approved:

- A. Minutes of the Regular Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of December 16, 2013

- B. 1298 Program Change – Ph.D. in Urban Education – Exceptional Education Specialization
- C. 1299 Program Change – MS in Management (Professional Accounting Concentration)
- D. 910 Revised Feb 2014 Transcript-Designated Concentrations within the MS in Management
- E. 1300 Program Change – PhD in History
- F. 1301 Certificate in Support Services for Online Students in Higher Education

## **VI. New Business**

- A. Election of 2014-15 GFC Chair  
The committee deferred this action to the May meeting, after the GFC elections for 2014-2015.

## **VII. Reports**

- A. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School: Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska discussed the following:
  - She is honored and thrilled to be the dean of the Graduate School and looks forward to working with the GFC and its subcommittees.
  - She will continue as ex-officio member of the Research Policy Committee.
  - The vice provost for research will continue the current relationship with the Graduate School.
  - Regular meetings with the Graduate Student Advisory Committee (GSAC) are being scheduled.
  - She continues to serve on the Top-Tier Research University Planning Group.
  - Janis Eells (BioMedical Sciences), newly appointed chair of the Vice Provost for Research Search and Screen Committee, does not expect candidates to arrive on campus until Fall 2014, so several on-hold Graduate School/Office of Research initiatives will go ahead:
    - Office space decisions
    - Redesigning of the Graduate School and Office of Research Web sites.
  - The dean of the Graduate School is now authorized to fund-raise for graduate education (vs. specifically for the Graduate School). She will work with the vice chancellor for development and the academic deans in this endeavor.
  - She is one of the five deans on the steering committee of the Chancellor's Council on Strategic Enrollment Management. Director of Graduate Education Erin Fox is coordinator of the "graduate" column of the matrix. Foci will include recruitment, retention and graduation, data analysis, financial support, marketing and communication, and enrollment processes.

- The Graduate School recruiter will travel to Brazil and India, and a faculty recruiter will travel to Turkey. CIE and the Provost's office are partnering and cost-sharing on the trips.
  - A newly formed UWM graduate recruiter network will have its first meeting in March. More than 20 people have volunteered.
  - She credited Erin Fox for her efforts in guiding the establishment of a new online application that will include letters of recommendation. Unsure at this time if it will be in place for the next application cycle.
  - Budget cuts:
    - The Graduate School is a quarter million dollars short for fellowship funding for 2014-2015.
    - Research Excellence Award budget for 2014-2015 cut from \$680K to 510K. These funds are redistributed based on the prior 2 years count of extramurally supported GAs and fellows per program.
    - Grad School cannot support 36 total Distinguished Graduate Student and Distinguished Dissertation fellowships in 14-15. The situation may improve through development efforts. Michael Liston said that while an exploration of different scenarios is underway, he estimated there would likely be a loss of four fellowships, bringing the total for each to 16.
  - Application process for all 2014-2015 Graduate School fellowships was entirely online.
  - As part of a Graduate School initiative to grow extramural graduate fellowships, the Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies received funding to offer two fellowships through the Integrative Graduate Humanities Research Education and Training from the Andrew Mellon Foundation.
  - A training session was conducted for students recommended by their programs for the NSF Graduate Research Fellows Program. Of the 20 students in the workshop, seven submitted proposals.
  - The Office of Research has developed programming for graduate students on funding opportunities in STEM and arts, humanities, and social sciences. Karen Morin asked about offering the programming as webinars.
  - In response to a question, Marija said the Graduate School receives no special considerations in the calculation of general purpose revenue (GPR). There is nothing built into the current budget model for growth; no increase in funding or staff with increase in degree programs or students. The Graduate School is working to raise awareness of this. Marija urged GFC members to do the same.
- B. Chair's Report: Kristene Surerus discussed the following:
- The baccalaureate/master's five-year programs group is drafting a policy; should be available soon.

- The certificate working group will meet on Feb. 27. The group has devised a model but they want input from Nursing before they bring it forward.
- The ESL working group is moving forward with some good ideas; Policy changes may be drafted by end of spring.
- A group of graduate students plan to discuss GA rates at the next meeting.

C. Report From The Interim Vice Provost For Research  
No Report.

### **VIII. General Discussion**

A. Course Overlap Issue In CAR Online

Jon Welstead summarized the longstanding concern that people who post new courses on CAR Online can claim there is no potential overlap with existing courses without being required to say what was done to verify this.

Kathleen Koch noted that there is a space for users to indicate what actions were taken, but it appears only when the user answers "yes" to the potential overlap question.

Kathleen and Jon volunteered to develop new language for the CAR form.

It was suggested that the issue of course overlap and the streamlining of course offerings should be part of the campus Strategic Planning.

B. Strategic and Academic Plan of the Graduate School

Marija summarized the university's goals of the 2014-2020 UWM Strategic Plan:

- To become a top-tier research and access institution.
- Enrollment of 30,000 students with an increased 6-year graduation rate.
- Annual research expenditures of \$50 million.

Additional goals the Graduate School has added:

- Add two doctoral programs and two master's programs per year. Have at least 150 graduate programs by 2020. Engage in strategic new program development, rather than organic development that happens now.
- Develop and consistently use a measurement tool to track graduate student graduation rates.
- Substantially increase diversity and international enrollments.
- Modify the Graduate School fellowship programs to enable at least 1 percent of graduate students to compete for the available fellowships; right now it's 0.79%.

- Develop a vision and mission for the Graduate School. Previously the Graduate School essentially adopted the general mission for all UW System campuses.

Further discussion included the challenges for graduate programs to receive adequate funding from campus.

## **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Hansen, Graduate School  
For Christine Larson