

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)

Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2015
3:00-4:30 p.m.
Union 280

I. Call to Order

Craig Guilbault, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

David Allen, Barbara Bales, Martha Carlin, Sarah Davies Cordova, Erin Fox (*ex officio*), Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska (*ex officio*), Craig Guilbault, Seyed Hosseini, Hemant Jain, Peninnah Kako, Hamid Ouali, Jason Puskar, Richard Smiraglia, Habib Tabatabai, James Vining, Jon Welstead, Jane Witten, Cheng Zheng

Members Absent:

Abigail Amissah-Arthur, Tracey Heatherington (*ex officio*), Laura Otto-Salaj, Timothy Patrick, Diane Schadewald, Aaron Schutz, Nicole Steppig, Greg Thomson, Erin Winkler

Guests:

Mike Darnell, Vicky Everson, Michael Liston, Joshua Spencer

III. Information Only

Curricular area title changing from Latin Amer, Carib & US Latin St to Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latin@ Studies. It is becoming common practice to change the term "Latino" to a more gender neutral term. The name of the major recently was changed to "Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latin@ Studies. This curricular area title change brings it in line with the name of the major. The description and relationship to academic programs do not change. Curricular area abbreviation (LACUSL) remains the same.

There were no objections to this title change.

IV. Announcements

Craig Guilbault provided an update regarding segregated fees. He attended the Academic Leadership Council meeting at which a presentation was made. There is logic to the decisions that were made, but we are still trying to find out more information

regarding UW-Madison's segregated fees as well as the UWM history of segregated fees. There is athletic revenue at UW-Madison that does not exist at UWM. Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska offered information regarding allocable vs. non-allocable segregated fees and the manual process that Graduate School staff facilitate for dissertators to opt out of segregated fees if living outside of the five-county area.

V. Reports

1. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School
Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska reviewed 2015 activities that included active recruitment, competitive support for fellows and graduate assistants, growth of graduate programs, administrative support, and the development of advocacy efforts. Strategic planning and budgeting will continue to be challenges during 2016. Marija distributed a handout "Study of Graduate Education Leadership Structure" from the 2015 Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) annual meeting. Discussion followed. Marija identified potential strategies and modeling scenarios for increasing TA stipends. Discussion followed and focused on competitive graduate assistant stipends, admissions decisions, and Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM).
2. Chair's Report
Given under Announcements.
3. GFC representatives on other standing committees
 - a) Physical Environment Committee – Habib Tabatabai
The 2017-19 budget has been discussed and may be approximately half of what it has been. The impact will be known in January.
 - b) Academic Planning and Budget Committee – Craig Guilbault
Budget and the Chancellor's Campus Organization and Effectiveness Team (CCOET) discussions continued at the most recent APBC meeting.
 - c) Academic Policy Committee – no report
 - d) Research Policy and Advisory Committee – Jane Witten
Changes for the evaluation and approval process regarding Centers were discussed. A policy regarding protection of data was approved, but no documentation on the process for the policy has been developed. Approximately 80% of students involved in undergraduate research will graduate. Mark Harris provided an update on the Research Executive Team identifying five plans of where to spend money and where/how to save money.
 - e) Graduate Assistant Appeals Panel – no report

VI. Automatic Consent

The following items were approved as distributed:

- November 16, 2015, GFC meeting minutes
- PhD in Engineering, GFC Doc #1388

- MA in Communication, GFC Doc #1389
- Graduate Certificate in Rhetorical Leadership, GFC Doc #1390

VII. Special Order of Business

The Graduate Faculty Committee recommends to the Board of Regents for the respective graduate degrees those students whose names are submitted by the Dean of the Graduate School as having completed degree requirements by the end of the Fall Term, 2015-16.

A motion was made and seconded to approve this recommendation. It passed unanimously.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to extend the clock by five minutes.

VIII. Other Business

Jon Welstead provided a summary of the graduate certificate policy. He indicated that a disparity exists now with double-counting credits between two certificate programs and a graduate degree program and a graduate certificate program. As a result, students are being treated differently. The Graduate Course and Curriculum Subcommittee (GCC) will make recommendations that will come back to the GFC. The intent of the policy was to provide a gateway from graduate certificate programs into graduate degree programs for potential graduate students.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. It passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.