

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)

Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2015  
3:00 p.m.  
Union 280

**I. Call to Order**

Craig Guilbault, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Members Present:

David Allen, Barbara Bales, Martha Carlin, Sarah Davies Cordova, Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska (*ex officio*), Craig Guilbault, Seyed Hosseini, Hemant Jain, Peninnah Kako, Jenny Kehl, Jason Puskar, Aaron Schutz, Richard Smiraglia, Jon Welstead, Erin Winkler, Jane Witten

Members Absent:

Abigail Amissah-Arthur, Erin Fox (*ex officio*), Tracey Heatherington (*ex officio*), Laura Otto-Salaj, Hamid Ouali, Timothy Patrick, Diane Schadewald, Nicole Steppig, Habib Tabatabai, Greg Thomson, James Vining, Cheng Zheng

Guests:

Vicky Everson, Pat Hayes, Dawn Koerten, Derek Nazaron

**III. New Business**

1. Integrated Bachelor's/Master's Degrees

Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska provided an overview of the current policy; background information on Jasmine Alinder's meetings with Deans, Associate Deans, and interested programs; and the rationale for the proposed revisions which include inserting language integrating existing programs rather than integrating new programs, simplifying the approval process, and, under Admission Requirements, inserting clarifying language about college classroom coursework earned prior to entering graduate school. Discussion followed. It was noted that, in the current policy, Carroll University is identified as Carroll College and that name needs to be updated. A motion was made and seconded to approve the revisions proposed for GFC Doc #1311. The motion passed unanimously.

2. MS-ITM Authorization to Implement

Craig Guilbault indicated that this authorization to implement is coming before the GFC directly rather than going to the Graduate Course & Curriculum Subcommittee (GCC) first. The program currently exists as a track under the MS in Management Science degree program so there are no new courses or program requirements. The goal is to have this proposal on the December agenda of the Board of Regents. Since the GCC's first meeting of 2015-16 is scheduled for October 28, time is of the essence. Jon Welstead, Chair of the GCC, had reviewed the proposal and concurred with Craig's assessment. Hemant Jain provided an overview of the current degree program structure in the Lubar School of Business and the rationale for elevating this track to a stand-alone degree program. Discussion about enrollment and benefits to students followed. A motion was made and seconded to approve GFC Doc #1376. The motion passed unanimously.

3. GFC representatives on other standing committees
  - a. Physical Environment Committee – no report
  - b. Academic Planning and Budget Committee – Craig Guilbault is the GFC representative on this Committee. The APBC is in the process of identifying a list academic issues. Graduate education and research need strong voices in these discussions.
  - c. Academic Policy Committee – Timothy Patrick represents the GFC on this Committee.
  - d. Research Policy and Advisory Committee – Jane Witten represents the GFC on this Committee. At the most recent meeting, Mark Harris reviewed how the indirect costs are calculated and distributed per federal guidelines. The Committee asked Mark Harris to provide updates as he receives them.
  - e. Graduate Assistant Appeals Panel – no report

Discussion regarding support of and voices for graduate education and research followed. Barbara Bales is a member of the University Relations Committee and indicated that almost 95% of the discussion/work is focused on undergraduate education. Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska reviewed the Graduate School's collaborative efforts with University Relations and the traditional university model being focused on undergraduate education. While the Chancellor and Provost support graduate education and recognize the importance of research, UWM's funding/budget depends on undergraduate enrollment and tuition dollars. It was unfortunate that the work with Noel Levitz was focused on undergraduate education and that graduate education was omitted. Entrepreneurship, connecting with the workforce in the Milwaukee region, and meeting the needs of the State's economy can and should be identified with UWM graduate programs.

#### **IV. Reports**

1. Report from Dean of the Graduate School  
Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska provided an update on marketing, advocacy, and development efforts underway in the Graduate School. She indicated that she is working with the graduate programs and the Provost to determine why the

domestic and international yields were lower thus far in 2015-16. Marija stated that the UWM Distinguished Professors have analyzed graduate student data from 2014-15 and she has asked for that analyses. She reminded GFC members of the second Graduate School Open House being held in November 2015 and of the successful Graduate Fellowship Celebration held in September 2015 at which the first philanthropic fellowship was awarded. A series of Lunch and Learn sessions have been held and graduate students are involved along with external constituents. Marija reviewed UWM and Madison's tuition plans.

2. Chair's Report

Craig Guilbault told the members to watch for an email message asking for concerns and/or issues that the membership would like to discuss.

**V. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**VI. Automatic Consent**

The following items were approved as distributed:

- September 21, 2015 GFC meeting minutes
- Annual Reports: Graduate Faculty Committee 2014-15

**VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. It passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.