

**University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)**

**Monday, December 10, 2018
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
LUBAR N440**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Jason Puskar, Chair.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

(Committee Members): Abigail Amissah-Arthur, John Boyland, Susan Cashin, Jennifer Clippert, Garry Davis, Kyle Ebersole, Craig Guilbault, Jennifer Kibicho, Elana Levine, Wilkistar Otieno, Jason Puskar (*Chair*), Arijit Sen, Ellen Velie, Dietmar Wolfram

(Non-Committee Members): Vicky Everson, Erin Fox (*Ex Officio*), Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska (*Ex Officio*), Tracey Heatherington (*Ex Officio*), Tiffany Nation

Absent: Woonsup Choi, Peter Dunn, Mohiminul Islam, Alycia Lewis, Alexis McAdams, Mark Schwartz, Stephen Wetzel

Guest: None

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

IV. AUTOMATIC CONSENT

A. Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of November 19, 2018

A motion was made to pull the draft minutes from Automatic Consent for amendments and D. #1 to be moved to Continuing Business.

The following amendments were made to the draft minutes, and were motioned, seconded, and passed unanimously:"

Discussion of Draft of Revision to Accelerated Master's Policy (GFC 1311)

Jason Puskar handed out a copy of the revised GFC Doc. No. 1311 and gave the background and history of the Integrated Bachelor's / Master's Degree policy. He explained the following important revisions:

1. ~~Back and forth~~ **Backward** counting credits are now 15 credits. **Addition of forward double counted credits** allows students to remain eligible for Pell grants.
2. Returns executive power back to the programs
3. GPA requirements **above Graduate School minimums** are now determined by programs.

Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska requested that the Provost have the opportunity to review the revisions to the policy before it is approved by the GFC. She also recommended a need for a "Call to Action" to figure out how to speed up the process of the usage of the revised policy.

Jason Puskar informed the committee that the policy ~~will pass~~ **will be considered** by GCC on December 6, 2018, GFC in December, and then move on to APCC for approval.

B. Program Changes

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| 1. Transition for Students with Disabilities, Graduate Certificate | GFC Doc. No. 1566 |
| 2. Business Administration, MBA/Nursing, DNP | GFC Doc. No. 1567 |
| 3. Healthcare Administration, MHA | GFC Doc. No. 1568 |

C. New Degree, Certificate, or Concentration

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| 1. College of Engineering & Applied Science Request for Establishment of the Biomedical Engineering Concentration in Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering | GFC Doc. No. 1569 |
| 2. Recommendation of the L&S Faculty, the L&S Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee, and the Faculty of the Department of Linguistics to Authorize the Implementation of a Master of Arts in Teaching of English as a Second Language (TESOL) and Applied Linguistics | GFC Doc. No. 1570 |

D. Policy Revisions

1. Revision of Accelerated Master's Policy

GFC Doc. No. 1311

A motion was made to remove from Automatic Consent and place under Continuing Business. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

E. Curricular Area Codes

1. Teaching and Learning (TCH LRN)

Reason for change:

The curricular areas (departments) and subjects (1) Curriculum and Instruction and (2) Exceptional Education have merged into one new department: the Department of Teaching and Learning. This request is to create a new academic organization in PAWS that will house the two subject areas.

Other departments and curricular areas that may be affected: N/A.

V. CONTINUING BUSINESS

Revision of Accelerated Master's Policy (GFC Doc. No. 1311).

Jason Puskar informed the committee that there was a typo discovered on page 2 under C. #1 in the final document by the GCC. The number 105 should be removed from the following sentence and it should read as follows:

Some of these credits can be earned for graduate level work taken in undergraduate standing, per this policy.

A motion was made to approve with amendments. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

VI. REPORTS

A. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

In Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska's absence, Tracey Heatherington reported that the next Associate Dean of the Graduate School will be Jason Puskar. John Boyland as vice chair will convene the next meeting in January 2019.

Heatherington also reported on the following:

1. gradSERU: Graduate Student Experience in the Research University
 - if target of 25% participation is reached the Graduate School will sponsor an ice cream and hot chocolate bar
 - Please encourage graduate students to complete the survey
 - When encouraging students to complete the survey follow IRB rules not to violate any regulations

B. Chair's Report

Puskar thanked the committee for their service.

C. GFC representatives on other standing committees

- Physical Environment Committee
No report given.
- Academic Planning and Budget Committee
Puskar reported on the budget model. He reported that this is a difficult process between governance and administration. He reported that APBC members attend the budget model meetings with the programs for transparency. He reported that he thinks that the budget model process is going better than expected.
- Academic Policy Committee
No report given.
- Research Policy and Advisory Committee
No report given
- Graduate Assistant Appeals Panel
- Policy Working Group

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.