

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)**

**Monday, May 8, 2017**

**3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Union Hall 280**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Craig Guilbault, Chair.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

*(Committee Members):* David Allen, Erica Bornstein, John Boyland, Jennifer Clippert, Kyle Ebersole, Erin Fox, Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska (*Ex Officio*), Craig Guilbault (*Chair*), Sherri Hoffman, Seyed Hosseini, Jenny Kehl, Elana Levine, Jason Puskar, Nicole Ridgway, Jon Welstead, Erin Winkler, Cheng Zheng

*(Non-Committee Members):* Vicky Everson, Tracey Heatherington (*Ex Officio*), Tiffany Nation

**Absent:** Ann Aschenbrenner, Miren Boehm, Martha Carlin, Peninnah Kako, Laura Otto-Salaj, Hamid Ouali, Aaron Schutz, Richard Smiraglia

**Guest:** Mike Darnell (L&S), Susan Lima (Psychology), Reed Heintzkill (Student Association), Alexis Jordan (Grad Association/Student Association), Elise Papke (Public Health)

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Craig Guilbault thanked the committee. He informed the committee that this is the last meeting that he will be chairing, however he will still be a GFC member next year. He reminded the committee that Jason Puskar was elected to be the new GFC Chair.

There were no other announcements.

**IV. AUTOMATIC CONSENT**

The following agenda items under Automatic Consent were motioned, seconded, and passed unanimously.

- A. Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of April 17, 2017
- B. Program Changes:
  - 1. Certificate in Public Health (OPC #2353) GFC Doc. No. 1469
  - 2. Doctor of Philosophy in English (OPC #2334) GFC Doc. No. 1470
  - 3. Master of Arts in Art History (OPC #2342) GFC Doc. No. 1471
  - 4. Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (OPC #2364) GFC Doc. No. 1476
  - 5. Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology (OPC #2210) GFC Doc. No. 1453
  - 6. Doctor of Philosophy in Communication (OPC #2302) GFC Doc. No. 1461
  - 7. Master of Science in Admin Leadership and Supervision in Education (OPC #2333) GFC Doc. No. 1472
  - 8. Master of Science in Health Care Informatics GFC Doc. No. 1474
- C. Graduate Program Review
  - 1. Kinesiology MS (Tentative Upon GPR Approval) GFC Doc. No. 1467
- D. New Degree, Certificate, or Concentration
  - 1. Integrated Global Bachelors of Arts/Master of Business Administration Degree GFC Doc No. 1468
- E. New Business
  - 1. Recommendations of the GCC Minor Working Group For Revision of Basic Requirements for Minor Option A (GFC Doc. No. 717)
  - 2. Recommendation of the Subcommittee on Graduate Course and Curriculum and Program Faculty Within the School of Education for Transcript Designated Concentrations (GFC Doc. No. 935)

**V. NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION ONLY)**

- 1. Discussion of MS Transcript Designations

The committee discussed John Boyland's following motion and rationale:

**Motion:**

*At the discretion of the program, tracks within graduate programs may be transcript designated. A vote by the governing body changing the desired designation would be communicated by the program representative to the Graduate School.*

**Rationale:**

*Currently, we are told that only "concentrations" within degree programs can be transcript designated. But it makes sense to designate tracks as well in this way.*

*Boyland informed the committee that for example the Computer Science MS degree just added a "Professional Master's" track that doesn't involve a concentration of topics, but rather a different way to achieve the degree (just course work). Currently PAWS has no way to track "track"s, but that's a software issue, and if necessary, UWM IT could use whatever they use for "concentrations" for "tracks" until the software can be updated.*

A motion was made that this body agrees that there should be a transcript designated option available at the same level as a concentration, and asks the Graduate School to clarify processes and definitions over summer so that the GFC can consider this matter as policy in September 2017.

The motion to defer the original motion until September 2017 was seconded and passed unanimously.

**VI. REPORTS**

A. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska reported on the following:

- Thanked everyone for keeping the Graduate School strong
- First and second budget cuts went through without affecting students
- Increased the DGSF and DDF fellowship awards by two additional awards for each
- Able to strengthen AOP fellowship awards from 20 to 30 to 35
- Reminder of Dissertator Boot Camp
  - Please pass the word around
  - 3-day boot camp starting May 30<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
  - Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Program Reviews
  - Process being revised to include programs under review meeting with academic deans; Deans will meet with Provost to issue executive summaries and grades for programs.
  - Thanked all those who worked on the program reviews
- Thanked the GCC subcommittee
- Thanked Vicky Everson and Tiffany Nation
- Writers' group for dissertators
  - Will be held on a bi-weekly basis for next year

B. Chair's Report

Guilbault gave special thanks to Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska, Vicky Everson, Tiffany Nation, and Tracey Heatherington of the Graduate School for all of their hard work. He thanked the committee members that stepped up and served on the other standing committees at his request. He informed the committee that the new chair Jason Puskar will be recruiting members in the Fall to served on the other standing committees.

C. GFC Representatives on Other Standing Committees

- Physical Environment Committee  
No report given.
- Academic Planning and Budget Committee  
No report given.
- Academic Policy Committee  
No report given.
- Research Policy and Advisory Committee  
No report given.
- Graduate Assistant Appeals Panel  
No report given.
- Policy Working Group  
No report given

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Jon Welstead announced to the committee that Elana Levine was elected the 2017 – 2018 GCC Chair. He also informed the committee that his GFC term will end in August however he will continue to serve on the GCC until 2018.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.