

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

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

**3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**LUBAR N440**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Jason Puskar, Chair.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

*(Committee Members):*

Jennifer Balogh, John Boyland, Michael Brondino, Jennifer Clippert, Garry Davis, Kyle Ebersole, Peninnah Kako, Jenny Kehl, Elana Levine, Jason Puskar (*Chair*), Mark Schwartz, Arijit Sen, Leigh Ellen Wallace, Stephen Wetzel, Erin Winkler, Cheng Zheng

*(Non-Committee Members):*

Vicky Everson, Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska (*Ex Officio*), Craig Guilbault, Tracey Heatherington (*Ex Officio*), Tiffany Nation

**Absent:**

Peter Dunn, Erin Fox (*Ex Officio*), Reed Heintzkill, Richard Smiraglia, Lixia Zhang,

**Guest:**

Mike Darnell (L&S)

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no other announcements.

**IV. AUTOMATIC CONSENT**

Agenda items under IV. Automatic Consent were motioned, seconded, and passed unanimously.

**A.** Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of March 26, 2018

**B.** Program Changes

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| 1. Master of Science in Psychology (OPC #2520) | GFC Doc. No. 1519 |
| 2. Master of Arts in English (OPC #2497)       | GFC Doc. No. 1520 |
| 3. Doctor of Philosophy in English (OPC #2498) | GFC Doc. No. 1521 |

**C.** New Degree, Certificate, or Concentration

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| 1. Recommendation of the Department of Africology and the L&S Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee to Request Authorization to Implement a Master of Arts Degree in Africology                                                                            | GFC Doc. No. 1522 |
| 2. Recommendation of the Faculties of the Zilber School of Public Health and the Department of Social Work, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare to Establish a Coordinated Degree Program Leading to the Master of Public Health and the Master of Social Work | GFC Doc. No. 1523 |

**V. DISCUSSION ONLY: REVISED CHARTERS**

Jason Puskar informed the committee that he has met with Codification and the University Committee and they were on board with the revisions and changes of the charters. He has incorporated their feedback and revisions into the revised charters.

Michael Brondino questioned the following in the revised GFC charter under the membership section:

- (e) Graduate Faculty Committee attendance shall be published by the Secretary of the Graduate Faculty Committee in the minutes of the last Graduate Faculty Committee meeting of the academic year. The Graduate Faculty Committee has the authority to declare vacant the seat of those Committee members who fail to attend any three (3) consecutive regular meetings.

Jason Puskar informed the committee that what is there is what is suggested by Codification.

Michael Brondino also voiced his concern that the justification of the restructuring of the charters is questionable. In his opinion the issues of recruiting of members for the committee and subcommittees can be done without the restructuring of the charters. He thought that the set-up of the charters was odd and questioned the restructuring.

Discussion followed and revisions and recommendations were made. Jason Puskar will revise the charters according to the discussed recommendations and will resend to the subcommittee chairs for review.

**VI. TIMING OF GRAD FACULTY STATUS SUBMISSIONS**

Jason Puskar mentioned that he had received a request to change the deadline date of the Grad Faculty Status submissions to the Graduate School. The requestor had recommended that the Grad Faculty Status submissions should have a May deadline and not a September deadline. Erin Winkler questioned whether the fall deadline had to do with timeline limitations on a departmental executive committee voting.

Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska explained the process of the Grad Faculty Status submissions and the history of the process. She explained that we do not want to increase the workload for the Grad Ed department in the Graduate School. She informed the committee that the Graduate School is not involved in the hiring, firing, and retirement process and the Graduate School does not received this information from Central HR.

Discussion followed. Jason Puskar informed the committee that he will circulate the GFC Doc #1173 to members for discussion on the next agenda. At the moment he did not see any immediate issues.

## **VII. DISCUSSION: ACCELERATED DEGREE PROGRAMS**

The are issues with the BS/MS integrated policy that had been passed. There is current pressure from the Provost on double counting. The forward credit count of 12 -15 credits and the backwards counting of up to 30 credits is in question. The Provost is insisting on a limit of double counting. Reducing the backwards counting of up to 30 credits to 12 credits. The Provost would prefer an interim double counting limit that will probably come to the GFC in May with the suggestion of backward counting credits of 12.

Jason Puskar reported that he attended the APCC meeting and the motion of the Provost's recommendations were tabled. He recommended contacting the Higher Learning Commission for clarification on how to revise the front and backwards credit counting language.

Other issues with the policy that were discussed are as follows:

Registrar's office finding it difficult to track students in MS/BS integrated programs

Registrar's office has suggested the use of the Pathway Program where the department tracks the student

## **VIII. REPORTS**

### **A. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School**

Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska reported on the following:

#### **1. R1 Graduate Outstanding Learning Environment:**

- Based on Student Success
- Creating an avenue for Student Excellence
- Performance based on Funding
- Converting input into output
- Created draft using the undergraduate during Senior Staff
- Permission from Provost to take to associate deans and deans
- Posted on graduate website as is
- Requested suggestions from committee of what is listed and what is missing
- Recommendation and suggestions were discussed

### **B. Chair's Report**

No report given.

### **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.

## **IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.