

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)

Monday, April 15, 2019

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Lubar N120

Meeting Minutes

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by John Boyland, Chair.

II. **Roll Call**

Present: Abigail Amissah-Arthur, John Boyland (*Chair*), Woonsup Choi, Jennifer Clippert, Garry Davis, Kyle Ebersole, Vicky Everson, Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska (*Ex Officio*), Craig Guilbault (*Vice Chair*), Jennifer Kibicho, Elana Levine, Alycia Lewis, Wilkistar Otieno, Jason Puskar (*Ex Officio*), Mark Schwartz, Arijit Sen, Ellen Velie, Dietmar Wolfram

Absent: Susan Cashin, Peter Dunn, Erin Fox (*Ex Officio*), Mohiminul Islam, Alexis McAdams

Guest: Mike Darnell, College of Letters & Science

III. **Announcements**

John Boyland indicated that the GFC policy regarding coordinated degree programs is under review by the Graduate School.

IV. **Automatic Consent**

No objections were raised regarding the agenda items under automatic consent. These items were approved.

A. Program Changes

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| 1. Nursing PhD | GFC Doc. No. 1586 |
| 2. Communication Sciences and Disorders, MS | GFC Doc. No. 1588 |

B. New Degree, Certificate, or Concentration

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| 1. Proposal from the College of Letters and Science to establish an accelerated BA/MA in Economics | GFC Doc. No. 1587 |
| 2. Recommendation of the Faculty of the Department of French, Italian, and Comparative Literature and the Faculty in French of the MALLT Program to approve Accelerated Master's Degree in Language, Literature and Translation with a Concentration in French and Francophone Language, Literature, and Culture | GFC Doc. No. 1589 |

C. Curricular Code

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| 1. Actuarial Science (ACTSCI) | |
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Reason for Change: The Actuarial Science program wishes to create its own curricular area to provide clarity to the students in the program and aid in accreditation compliance.

Other departments and curricular areas that may be affected: Mathematical Sciences

V. New Business (For Discussion Only)

- A. Recommendation of the Subcommittee on Graduate Course and Curriculum for Changes to the Admission and Continuation Policies of the Graduate School (GFC Doc. No. 1328)

UWM Legal Affairs has indicated to the Graduate School that the academic dismissal policy needs to include three steps so that graduate students receive due process. The proposed revisions to the current GFC policy were discussed. Committee members shared current processes in their respective programs that are in place, but none specifically addressed academic dismissal. There was positive feedback to have the Graduate Scholastic Appeals Committee serve as the hearing body for the newly-created Step 2. The document will be revised to reflect this feedback and brought back to the GFC for a vote.

- B. Impact of Intramurally-supported PAs in New Budget Model

This is a funding issue for non-tuition generating units that employ PAs. Discussion focused on PAs vs GAs, national norms, pay rates, and the negative impact on graduate enrollment and UWM's R1 status that this issue could have. There are approximately 100 current PA appointments. Some form of tuition sharing among units may be proposed. This issue will be discussed at a future UWM Deans meeting.

VI. Reports

- A. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska provided updates on the following:

- 3MT competition
- Pack of Panthers
- Dissertation Boot Camp
- Student Focus Groups
- Grad SerU
- EAB
- Positive evaluation of Dean

- B. Chair's Report
No report.

- C. GFC representatives on other standing committees
- Physical Environment Committee – no report
 - Academic Planning and Budget Committee – no report

- Academic Policy Committee – last meeting focused on final exams
- Research Policy and Advisory Committee – focused on promoting Research Plan
- Graduate Assistant Appeals Panel – no report
- Policy Working Group – no report

VII. **Other Business**
None

VIII. **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.