

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

**Monday, May 6, 2019
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
LUBAR N120**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by John Boyland, Vice Chair.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

(Committee Members): John Boyland, Susan Cashin, Woonsup Choi, Jennifer Clippert, Garry Davis, Kyle Ebersole, Craig Guilbault, Mohiminul Islam, Jennifer Kibicho, Elana Levine, Mark Schwartz, Arijit Sen, Ellen Velie, Dietmar Wolfram

(Non-Committee Members): Erin Fox (*Ex Officio*), Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska (*Ex Officio*), Tiffany Nation, Jason Puskar (*Ex Officio*)

Absent: Abigail Amissah-Arthur, Peter Dunn, Vicky Everson, Alycia Lewis, Alexis McAdams, Wilkistar Otieno

Guest: Nicole Ridgway

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Boyland informed the committee of the continuing GFC members.

There were no announcements.

IV. AUTOMATIC CONSENT

Automatic Consent items were motioned, seconded, and passed unanimously.

A. Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of April 15, 2019

B. Program Changes

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| 1. Urban Education, PhD | GFC Doc. No. 1584 |
| 2. Translation and Interpreting Studies, MA | GFC Doc. No. 1585 |
| 3. Investment Management, Graduate Certificate | GFC Doc. No. 1600 |
| 4. Biological Science, PhD | GFC Doc. No. 1590 |
| 5. Digital Arts and Culture, Undergraduate Certificate | GFC Doc. No. 1591 |
| 6. Public Health, MPH: Biostatistics | GFC Doc. No. 1595 |

C. New Degree, Certificate, or Concentration

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| 1. Proposal from the College of Health Sciences for an Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and Master of Science in Athletic Training | GFC Doc. No. 1598 |
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D. Graduate Program Review

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| 1. English MA/PhD Program Review Report | GFC Doc. No. 1599 |
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V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Graduate Faculty Committee recommends to the Board of Regents for the respective graduate degrees those students whose names are submitted by the Dean of the Graduate School as having completed degree requirements by the end of the Spring Term and Summer 2018 - 19.

Recommendation was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously.

VI. GFC BUSINESS DURING THE SUMMER

Consider a motion to permit the GFC Chair to conduct urgent business on behalf of the Committee related to minor GCC program approvals during the summer.

Recommendation was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. 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*)

John Boyland clarified per the title of GFC Doc. No. 1328 that this recommendation was not recommended by GCC but is being recommended by the GFC.

Boyland explained that the recommendations for revisions is changing the appeals process for student being dismissed from a program.

He gave a summary of the track changes that were discussed at the previous meeting.

Additional discussion followed concerning the following:

- What happens if a student's FIRST semester has GPA < 3.0 which of course will cause their cumulative GPA to fall below 3.0.
- The program would be allowed to make the decision themselves.
- What happens with students who are NOT supported by their program in an RFE for GDOC.

After discussion, the committee made revisions to the following language on page #2 to include a step three appeal process for academic dismissals.

Graduate Dean's OK Required to Continue

A graduate student must petition and receive the graduate program's positive recommendation and the Graduate Dean's OK, prior to registering for any further classes if the student's cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0.

If a student's semester GPA and cumulative GPA are both below 3.0, the Graduate Dean's OK will take precedence over an Academic Warning.

Recommendation with revisions was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously.

2. Recommendations of the Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC) to the Scholastic Appeals Committee in Accordance with UWS Chapter 17, "Student Disciplinary Procedures" and UWM Disciplinary Guidelines (*GFC Doc. No. 204*)

John Boyland clarified that was being voted on for GFC Doc. No. 204 was the addition of adding "or academic dismissal" to the 1st paragraph which is an additional duty for the Scholastic Appeals Committee. There was no discussion.

The (GFC) Graduate Faculty Committee recommends revisions to the Graduate School Scholastic Appeals Committee for cases involving academic misconduct or academic dismissal.

Recommendation was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School

- Thanked the committee for their service
- New governance charters
- 2nd year of Dinner with the Graduate Panthers
- Invited to deans' conference in Chicago to figure out where our PhDs go through their graduate careers
- Chancellor's Retreat
- Outstanding Learning Environment
- Vicky Everson last GFC meeting:
 - Retiring after returning from retirement for 8 years
 - End of June will be her last day
 - Search and screen for Vicky's position will start
- Tiffany Nation will receive an unsupervised promotion:
 - Promoted to Graduate Programs and Graduate Student Travel Coordinator

B. Chair's Report

John Boyland reported that he will be serving on an ad hoc committee on R1 and strengthening the R1 status. Meetings for this ad hoc committee will meet over the summer.

C. GFC representatives on other standing committees

- Physical Environment Committee
 - Parking issues.
- 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
- Policy Working Group

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Arijit Sen informed the committee of the following 2019 – 20 fellowship competition nominations and awards:

16 R1 DDF Nominations, 5 R1 DDF awards were offered and accepted

45 DDF Nominations, 18 DDF awards were offered and accepted

62 DGSF Nominations, 18 DGSF awards were offered and accepted

There was no other business.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.