

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
(GPRC) Graduate Program Review Committee

Monday, September 9, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Mitchell Hall 245

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

At the request of the Secretary of the University's Office, the meeting was called to order by David Allen, committee member at 11:01 a.m.

Present:

(*Committee Members*): David Allen, Woonsup Choi, Winson Chu, Garry Davis, David DiValerio, Peter Dunn, Lingqian Hu, Sunwoong Kim, Susan Mcroy, Wilkistar Otieno, Mark Schwartz, Dietmar Wolfram

(*Non-Committee Members*): Tiffany Nation (*Graduate Programs Coordinator*), Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska (*Ex Officio*), Alessandra Gillen (*Graduate School*), Jason Puskar (*Ex-Officio*)

Absent:

Guests: Ellen Velie (Public Health), Kundan Kishor (Economics), Timothy Ehlinger (Sustainable Peacebuilding), Bridget Brown (Sustainable Peacebuilding), Lynn Woehrle (Nursing), Teresa Johnson (Nursing), Jennifer Doering (Nursing)

II. Announcements

Tiffany Nation, Graduate Programs Coordinator introduced the Graduate School's new hire Alessandra Gillen, Graduate Policies, Fellowships, and Appeal Coordinator.

Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska informed the committee that Associate Dean Jason Puskar will be serving as the ex-officio for committee.

She informed the committee that this is the first year practicing the new governance structure under the new governance charters and that the committee is no longer a subcommittee but is a standing committee under Faculty Senate. All decisions made here will go directly to Faculty Senate. Decision impacting all programs will go through GFC. She thanked the committee for their willing to serve.

There were no other announcements.

III. Election of 2019 – 2020 Chair

Garry Davis nominated David DiValerio. There were no other nominations. David DiValerio accepted the nomination and agreed to serve as chair of the GPRC.

David DiValerio was unanimously elected chair.

IV. Approve Minutes from the May 6, 2019

Revisions were made to the third paragraph on page #2. Correcting the word filling to fully. The minutes were approved with revisions, motioned, and passed unanimously.

V. Economics MA/PhD Program Review Report

GFC Doc. No. 1601

Dietmar Wolfram and Garry Davis served as internal reviewers.

Garry Davis reported that this is a strong program. The program is struggling with a reduction of faculty and not be able to offer full course due to the reduction.

There were no comments from the program's graduate program representative Kundan Kishor. He thought that the external report was very fair.

David Allen asked what the program's thoughts of the recommendation to split the current DGS (Director of Graduate Studies) role into separate MA and PhD Director roles.

Kishor stated that he had mixed feeling about the recommendation of splitting the two roles. He stated that he felt that the current position is correct, and the benefit of the combine role allows follow through with students from both the MA and PhD programs.

Additional discussion followed.

Recommendation for continuation with considerations of the graduate program for the next 10 years was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously.

VI. Sustainable Peace Building (MSP) Program Review Report GFC Doc. No. 1602

Lingqian Hu and Ellen Velie served as internal reviewers. Ellen Velie has resigned from the committee.

Lingqian Hu reported that the internal reviewers had the following two major recommendations.

1. Recommended the continuation with consideration of the graduate program for the next 10 years.
2. Hu reported that this is a new innovate program and that it took time for the internal reviewers to understand the program's mission and career track. After being able to understand the mission and career track, it's a remarkable 1st 5-year review for the program.

Revisions were made to pages #2 – 3 of the internal report.

There was no further discussion.

Recommendation for continuation with considerations of the graduate program for the next 10 years was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously.

VII. Other Business

Tiffany Nation, Graduate Programs Coordinator will be meeting with the new GPRC Chair Divalerio to discuss the assigning of internal reviewers for the 2019 – 2020 scheduled program reviews. Internal reviewer assignments will be discussed at the October meeting. She informed the committee that the next scheduled meeting is October 14, 2019.

There was no other business.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.