

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

Monday, October 14, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Mitchell Hall 245

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m.

Present:

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

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

Absent: Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska (*Ex Officio*), Sunwoong Kim,

Guests: Prasenjit Guptasarma (Physics), Marie Sandy (School of Education), Hope Longwell-Grice (School of Education)

II. Announcements

There were no other announcements.

III. Approve Minutes from the September 9, 2019

Revisions were made to attendance, Mark Schwartz and Winson Chu were present at the September 9th meeting. Revisions were also made to the first sentence under agenda VI.

The minutes were approved with revisions, motioned, and passed unanimously.

IV. Membership Sign Up Program and Certificate Reviews

Per the GPRC Chair's assignments of internal reviewers, the following assignments were approved.

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Member Sign Up Program and Certification Review

Graduate Program Reviews		
Scheduled Degree Programs	Program Review Site Visit Dates	GPRC Committee Members Assigned (Internal Reviewers [IR])
Curriculum & Instruction, MS	<i>Suggested Dates (Spring 2020)</i> February 13 - 14, 2020	Mark Schwartz Susan Mcroy
Healthcare Informatics, MS	<i>Suggested Dates (Fall 2020)</i> October 13 - 14, 2020 <i>or</i> October 14 - 15, 2020	David DiValerio Woonup Choi
Mathematics MS/PhD <i>Received approved extension to Fall 2020 per Dev</i>		
Political Science MA/PhD	<i>Confirmed Dates</i> Thursday, April 2, 2020 – Friday, April 3, 2020	Sunwoong Kim Garry Davis
Philosophy MA	<i>Confirmed Dates</i> Thursday, February 20, 2020 – Friday, February 21, 2020	David Allen Wilkistar Otieno
Public Administration, MPA	<i>Confirmed Dates</i> Tuesday, November 12 – Wednesday, November 13, 2019	Dietmar Wolfram Peter Dunn

Unfinished Business
2018 - 2019
Member Sign Up Program and Certification Review

Graduate Certificate Reviews		
Certificate Reviews	Report Information	GPRC Committee Members Assigned
Business Analytics (16 – 17)	Internal Report Due November 7, 2019	Lingqian (Ivy) Hu
Health Professional Education (18 – 19)	Self-Study has been received. Needs to be assigned to internal reviewer.	Winson Chu

V. 2020 – 2021 Program Reviews

Tiffany Nation reported to the committee that at the request of the Graduate School Dean that she as the Graduate Programs Coordinator will be sending early notifications of 2020 – 2021 program review site visits to the following programs by the Thanksgiving holiday:

- Biological Sciences MS
- Biological Sciences PhD
- Educational Psychology MS
- Educational Psychology PhD
- History MA
- History PhD
- Music, MM

VI. Physics MS/PhD

GFC Doc. No. 1628

There were no questions from the committee.

Wilkistar Otieno and Jin Li served as internal reviewers.

Wilkistar Otieno reported that overall this was a positive review. She reported that there were several concerns from the graduate students such as low salaries, international students only allowed to stay in the US for one year after graduation, and no free access to several important software tool. There is a need for more diverse recruitment of faculty and the need for improvement of labs.

Prasenjit Guptasarma whom is now the former department chair reported that one of the major recommendations of the external report was that the core field is not represented. He reported that the program has requested additional staffing and that their last hire was in 2001. Currently the program has no technical support to teach or support their labs. The labs are currently taught by graduate students and this is not a good procedure for the teaching assistants and at this time the program doesn't have a positive response to this. He found the comment that the gender equity is not sufficient, and that female staff are not comfortable very concerning. He reported that a positive is that the college has provided \$20,000 for the Physics lab for improvement.

Discussion followed.

There was no further discussion.

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

VII. Urban Education PhD

GFC Doc. No. 1636

There were no questions from the committee.

Dietmar Wolfram and David DiValerio served as internal reviewers.

Dietmar Wolfram reported that the program is really struggling due to loss of faculty and the program has very limited funding.

Marie Sandy, graduate program representative reported that the program is struggling with very limited funds. The program is using the Chancellor's Awards as an avenue to attract students and is looking into additional resources to attract students.

Discussion followed.

There was no further discussion.

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

VIII. Other Business

There was no other business.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.