

The University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)

Monday, May 4, 2020

3 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Teleconference via Teams

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Aaron Schutz, Chair.

II. Roll Call

Present: (Committee Members): Marcus Britton, David DiValerio, Reed Heintzkill, Peninnah Kako, Bonita Klein-Tasman, Wilkistar Otieno, Stefanie Pinnow, Steven Redd, John Roberts, Maureen Ryan, Aaron Schutz, Mark Schwartz, Jason Sherman, Ellen Velie, Jeb Willenbring, Stephen Wetzel

(Non-Committee Members): Erin Fox (Ex Officio), Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska (Ex Officio), Alessandra Gillen, Jason Puskar (Ex Officio)

Absent: Tiffany Nation

III. Announcements

None.

IV. Automatic Consent

The following item was approved as distributed:

- a. Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of April 20, 2020

V. Continuing Business

- a. Endorsement of interim Academic Leave Policy for Graduate Students
 - i. Discussion. Endorsement was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Reports

- a. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School
 - i. Discussion of furloughs, both position-specific and voluntary. Graduate students will not have furloughs.
 - ii. Survey of students about experience during spring semester and communication about Covid-19 issues.
 - iii. Survey of faculty concerns.
 - iv. Summer is online. Fieldwork guidelines will be decided soon.

- v. Different scenarios for fall instruction are being discussed, and the discussions include the Graduate School.
- b. Chair's Report
 - i. Thank you for endorsing the Academic Leave Policy for Graduate Students.
- c. Report from Chairs of other Graduate School Committees
 - i. Graduate Curriculum Committee
None.
 - ii. Graduate Student Fellowships Committee
 - 1. May work to revise rubric next year.
 - 2. R1 award eligibility being discussed.
 - iii. Graduate Program Review Committee
None.
- d. GFC representatives on other standing committees
 - i. Physical Environment Committee
No report.
 - ii. Academic Planning and Budget Committee
No report.
 - iii. Academic Policy Committee
No report.
 - iv. Research Policy and Advisory Committee
No report.

VIII. Other Business

None

IX. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.