

The University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)

Monday, October 19, 2020

3 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Held via videoconference on Teams

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Monna Arvinen-Barrow

John Berges

Marcus Britton

Woonsup Choi

David DiValerio

Josh Ebert

Christine Evans

Erin Fox (*Ex officio*)

Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska

(*Ex officio*)

Craig Guilbault

Reed Heintzkill

Ivy Hu

Peninnah Kako

Bonita Klein-Tasman

Robin Mello

Richard Popp

Jason Puskar (*Ex officio*)

Nicole Ridgway

Aaron Schutz

Jason Sherman

Ellen Velie

Mo Zell

Jian Zhao

III. Announcements

IV. Automatic Consent

- a. Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of September 14, 2020

V. Continuing Business

- a. Academic Leave of Absence Policy
- b. Appointment of Representatives for Standing Committees
 - i. Physical Environment Committee
 - ii. Academic Planning and Budget Committee
 - iii. Research Policy and Advisory Committee

VI. New Business

- a. Resolution: “To respond to rapidly changing testing conditions for English proficiency during the Covid-19 era, the Graduate Faculty Committee authorizes the UWM Graduate School and graduate programs to accept English language proficiency testing from the Pearson Test of English (PTE) for graduate admissions. The required scores will be equivalent to the TOEFL scores currently specified in GFC #1373, as determined the Center for International Education. This authorization is effective immediately and

expires at the end of May 2021. The GFC anticipates revising GFC #1373 more comprehensively later this year to make this change permanent.”

- b. Discussion: For students on fellowship, should concurrent student hourly or outside employment maximum be 10 or 15 hours per week? Current practice is 10 hrs./wk. Policy reads 15 hrs./wk. (Faculty Doc. 3193/GFC Doc. 800)
- c. Discussion: Can visiting assistant professors and postdocs advise master’s students and serve on PhD committees without GCC approval? (Faculty Doc. 3134/GFC Doc. 1173)

VII. Reports

- a. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School
- b. Chair’s Report
- c. Report from the Graduate Diversity & Inclusion Working Group
- d. Report from Chairs of other Graduate School Committees
 - i. Graduate Curriculum Committee
 - ii. Graduate Student Fellowships Committee
 - iii. Graduate Program Review Committee
- e. Report from GFC representatives on other standing committees
 - i. Academic Policy Committee

VIII. Other Business

IX. Adjournment