

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

Monday, November 9, 2020
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Called to order at 11:02 a.m.

Present:

(Committee Members): Alexander Arnold, Woonsup Choi, Madhusudan Dey, David DiValerio, Maria Gillespie, Lingqian Hu, Sunwoong Kim, Susan Mcroy, Stuart Moulthrop, Timothy O'Brien, Bo Zhang

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

Absent: Suzanne Boyd, Alessandra Gillen (Graduate School)

Guests: David Allen, Former GPRC committee member (Journalism, Advertising, and Media Studies); Joshua Spencer, Graduate Program Representative, Continuing Students (Philosophy); Blain Neufeld, Department Chair (Philosophy)

II. Announcements

Tiffany Nation informed the committee that she will be scheduling the Spring 2021 meetings and to please inform her of any scheduling conflicts.

III. Approve Minutes from the **October 12, 2020**

The date was corrected to October 12, 2020. The revised minutes were approved, motioned, and passed unanimously.

IV. Philosophy MA

GPRC Doc. No. 1729

David Allen and Wilkistar Otieno, Internal Reviewers

Joshua Spencer, Graduate Advisor, Continuing Students and *Blain Neufeld*, Department Chair

David DiValerio, GPRC Chair invited the program to introduce themselves. From the Philosophy, MA program, Joshua Spencer, graduate advisor and Blaine Neufeld, graduate chair are in attendance to represent the program.

The GPRC Chair clarified that the program review site visit took place on February 20 - 21, 2020 and that the internal and external reviewers were present.

David Allen and Wilkistar Otieno served as internal reviewers. David Allen was in attendance to present the internal report to the committee.

David Allen informed the committee that he and Wilkistar Otieno attended mostly all the scheduled program meetings. He reported that the program is a high-quality master's program where students and faculty are happy.

David reported that there was discussion of loss of faculty and resources within the program and the status of high-quality master's programs in a R1 world with declining resources to support those programs with the external reviewers.

He reported that this is a solid, high quality program with very few concerns. The few concerns included encouraging the college administration to put additional resources into the program and in some instances some of the more junior faculty were unclear of what the expectations were for tenure and promotion within the program. He reported that these few concerns are reflected in the external and internal reports.

We strongly agreed with the external reviewer's rating/grading of an A. *Continuance without Conditions.*

Joshua Spencer, graduate advisor reported that there are very few terminal MA programs in Philosophy. Their MA program ranks 3rd of 4th in the US. He reported that Philosophy interested students usually go directly into a PhD program however their MA program offers an opportunity for students that may not have enough experience to go directly into a PhD program.

One of the strengths of the program are large number of applications received which in turns allows the program to recruit highly quality students into the MA program. The program recruits very few applicants/students from UWM.

He informed the committee that there are ongoing worries within the program such as the loss of a large number of faculty with two retirements this year. The program has not received permission to replace faculty.

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.

V. Other Business

Tiffany Nation informed the committee that the Political Science MA/PhD program review virtual site visit has been confirmed for Monday, December 7 – Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

External reviewers have been confirmed for Health Care Informatics, MS Monday, March 1 – Tuesday 2, 2021 and Curriculum and Instruction, MS Thursday, February 18 – Friday, February 19, 2021.

She also informed the committee of an oversight. Thomas Malaby was unable to serve on the committee. He has been removed from the committee information. The GPRC Chair has reassigned Susan Mcroy and Bo Zhang as internal reviewers for the Political Science MA/PhD program review virtual site visit.

Information for the program review virtual site visit will be sent to assigned internal reviewers shortly.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.