

# The University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)

Monday, November 15, 2021

3 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Held via videoconference on Teams

## Agenda

### REVISED

#### I. Call to Order

#### II. Roll Call

John Berges, Chair

Anne Bonds

Suzanne Boyd

Tracy Boyer

Noelle Chesley

Christine Evans

Stephen Cobb

Erin Fox (*Ex officio*)

David Frick

Craig Guilbault

Reed Heintzkill

Teresa Johnson

Bonnie Klein-Tasman (*Ex officio*)

Carol Klingbeil

Elizabeth Liedhegner

Robin Mello (*Ex officio*)

Richard Popp

Jason Puskar (*Ex officio*)

Valerica Raicu

Danielle Romain Dagenhardt

Nigel Rothfels (*Ex officio*)

Erin Ruppel

Alec Smith

Jian Zhao

#### III. Announcements

#### IV. Automatic Consent

- a. Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of October 18, 2021

#### V. Continuing Business

- a. GFC Charter (Revision)

- i. Revision to remove the strikethrough text from the GFC Charter regarding ex-officio membership: “1) (e) Ex-officio members shall include ~~the chair of the Research Policy Advisory Committee (RPAC) or delegate; a member of the University Committee;~~ the dean, one associate dean, and a staff person from the Graduate School.”

1. The Research Policy and Advisory Committee voted unanimously in their Oct. 29, 2021 meeting to remove the RPAC ex-officio requirement from the GFC charter.
2. The University Committee also came to the agreement in their Aug. 31, 2021 meeting that there is little need for an ex-officio member from UC on GFC.

- b. New Fellowship Policy Draft (Discussion)
  - i. Discussion of GFC Doc. 1872: Joint Recommendation of the Graduate Student Fellowships Committee and the Graduate Faculty Committee for the Administration of University Graduate Fellowships.

**VI. New Business**

- a. Proposal to award a posthumous Media Studies MA degree to Naomi A. Wilson at the request of her family. She meets the requirements of the posthumous graduate degree policy (Faculty Doc. 3182/GFC Doc. 602) and both the Media Studies program and her advisor, Dr. Elana Levine, support it.
  - i. Naomi A. Wilson, 25, of Milwaukee passed away on October 30, 2021. She started in the Journalism, Advertising, and Media Studies undergraduate program at UWM in fall 2015 as a transfer student from UW-Whitewater. She was a McNair Scholar who earned her BA in JAMS and minor in Communication, graduating cum laude in May 2019. Naomi was then awarded an Advance Opportunity Program Fellowship in fall 2019 and entered the Media Studies MA program. In spring 2021, she completed the coursework for her degree. Naomi was finishing her thesis this semester.
- b. Revision to Faculty Doc. 3078/GFC Doc. 1373: English Proficiency Requirement for Graduate Students and Graduate Teaching Assistants at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
- c. Discussion of Draft Microcredentialing Policy
  - i. The Microcredentialing Working Group has drafted a new policy for review. It will require review and approval by GFC, APCC, APBC, and Faculty Senate.

**VII. Reports**

- a. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School
- b. Chair's Report
- c. Report from Chairs of other Graduate School Committees
  - i. Graduate Curriculum Committee
  - ii. Graduate Student Fellowships Committee
  - iii. Graduate Program Review Committee
- d. Report from GFC representatives on other standing committees
  - i. Physical Environment Committee
  - ii. Academic Planning and Budget Committee
  - iii. Academic Policy Committee
  - iv. Research Policy and Advisory Committee

**VIII. Other Business**

**IX. Adjournment**