

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

**Monday, April 11, 2022**

**12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:**

*(Committee Members):* Alexander Arnold, Suzanne Boyd, Benjamin Campbell, Winson Chu, Sunwoong Kim, Gillian Rodger, Erin Ruppel, Stuart Moulthrop, Katie Vater, Bo Zhang

*(Non-Committee Members):* Tiffany Nation (Graduate Programs Coordinator); Jason Puskar (Ex-Officio); Bonita Klein-Tasman (Ex-Officio)

**Absent:** Jeanne Erickson, Valerie Sibilkov, Alessandra Gillen (Graduate School)

**Guests:** Changshan Wu, Joe Rodriguez, Donna Genzmer (Retired)

**I. Call to Order**

Called to order at 12:31 a.m.

**II. Announcements**

Tiffany Nation, Graduate Programs Coordinator, updated the committee on the following:

- Music, MM has requested an extension of their April 2022 accreditation site visit to Fall 2022 from the accrediting body. Currently waiting for a response, decision, and rescheduled accreditation site visit dates from the accrediting body.
- Occupational Therapy, MS accrediting body has denied the access and participating of the GPRC internal reviewers.
- Informed the committee of those committee members that were eligible for nomination for the 2022 – 2023 GPRC Chair election.

There were no additional announcements.

**III. Approve Minutes from the **November 8, 2021 Meeting****

The minutes were approved, motioned, and passed unanimously.

**IV. History MS / PhD Program Review External Report**

Suzanne Boyd and Katie Vater served as internal reviewers.

Boyd reported that the virtual site visit took place in November 2021. The external reviewers were Melissa Bingmann and Tracy Neumann from West Virginia University and Wayne State University. The program received an A rating continuance without conditions from the external reviewers. The external reviewers said that the program filled an important role in the Wisconsin's academic ecosystem.

Vater reported the following main points and recommendations that she and Boyd made in the internal report:

- Both external and internal reviewers and the program agreed that an African American should be hired as someone that can teach black history.

- Recommended not to expand recruitment efforts until more faculty could be hired although the external reviewers recommended to increase recruitment for graduate students. Internal reviewers really felt that until more faculty can be hired, it really doesn't make sense to expand recruitment efforts for the graduate program.
- Recommended to engage in some level of strategic planning in case there are no new hires or not enough to address how the program may move forward without.

Boyd reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> recommendation from the external reviewers was to increase the capacity of the public history program and to clarify what the external reviewers meant specifically was that the public history program is a large percentage of the student population but however it rests solely on only two faculty members which only one is a public historian.

Discussion followed.

Recommendation for continuation of the graduate program for the next 10 years without considerations was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously with one abstain from Winson Chu.

## **V. Geographic Information Systems, Graduate Certificate Review**

Alexander Arnold served as internal reviewer. He reported that it was a great honor to meet with Donna Getzmer and Changshan Wu, Professor of Geography.

The background of the certificate, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has established itself internationally as an urban and multidisciplinary geographic information system institution that utilized the GIS technology. Government data and the education of future professionals and the discipline is already preparing students for AGS related career conduct research and provides GPS related services to an urban and regional community of addressing current public and private information needs.

He found the certificate very interesting due to not being aware of this program. It's a very old program established in 1990 and since 1993 have had 215 students complete the certificate. The certificate program is very popular and brings in \$160,000.00 to the university. Overall it's a great program. Arnold recommends the continuance of the certificate program.

Discussion followed.

Recommendation for continuation of the certificate program for the next 10 years without considerations was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously.

## **VI. Election of 2022 – 2023 GPRC Chair**

Suzanne Boyd was nominated for 2022 – 2023 GPRC Chair. There were no other nominations. Nomination was accepted by Boyd.

Suzanne Boyd was unanimously elected as 2022 – 2023 GPRC Chair with one abstain by Boyd.

## **VII. Other Business**

Suzanne Boyd, GPRC Chair gave thanks to Jason Puskar, Interim Dean for all of his assistance and always being available for questions and clarifications when needed by herself as Chair and the committee.

She also thanked Tiffany Nation, Graduate Program Coordinator for lessen her workload as chair by preparing agendas, composing meeting minutes, preparing her for upcoming scheduled program review site visits and assignments, communications with external reviewers and programs, scheduling meetings, and sending all needed documents and information out to the committee for meeting and program reviews. Unlike other governance committee that she has served on where she was responsible for those duties. With the assistance of Tiffany Nation, she just needs to show up and run the meeting.

The GPRC Chair informed the committee that due to the possibility of no business for May that the May 2022 meeting will be canceled. She asked that the committee wait for a Teams confirmed cancellation notification of the May meeting from Tiffany Nation.

There was no other business.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.