

**University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
GRADUATE FACULTY COMMITTEE
2021-2022 Annual Report**

Members:

Name	Rank	Department	Term Ends
John Berges, Chair	FAC	Biological Sciences	2023
Anne Bonds	FAC	Geography	2024
Noelle Chesley	FAC	Sociology	2024
Stephen Cobb ¹	FAC	Kinesiology	2024
Teresa Johnson	FAC	Nursing	2024
Erin Ruppel	FAC	Communication	2024
Christine Evans	FAC	History	2023
Craig Guilbault	FAC	Mathematical Sciences	2023
Danielle Romain Dagenhardt ²	FAC	Criminal Justice & Criminology	2023
David Frick ³	FAC	Chemistry & Biochemistry	2022
Carol Klingbeil	AS	College of Nursing	2022
Elizabeth Liedhegner	AS	Biomedical Sciences	2022
Richard Popp	FAC	History	2022
Jian Zhao	FAC	Civil Engineering	2022
Tracy Boyer	FAC	Freshwater Sciences (GCC Chair)	2022
Suzanne Boyd	FAC	Mathematical Sciences (GPRC Chair)	2022
Valerica Raicu	FAC	Physics (GSFC Chair)	2022
Erin Fox	AS	Graduate School staff	2022
Bonita Klein-Tasman	Assoc Dean	Graduate School	2022
Robin Mello	FAC	Theatre (RPAC Chair)	2022
Jason Puskar	Dean	Graduate School	2022
Nigel Rothfels	FAC	History (UC Member)	2022
Reed Heintzkill	Student	Graduate Student	2022
Alec Smith	Student	Graduate Student	2022

1 Repl L. Hu (2024-E)

2 Repl M. Zell (2023-E)

3 Repl A. Schutz sabbatical 21-22
(2022-E)

Charter:**Functions/ Responsibilities:****A3.05 Graduate Faculty Committee**

The Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC) is UWM's main policy making body for graduate education. As such it oversees academic and administrative matters across graduate programs, and acts as an advocate for graduate students and graduate programs within the university.

(1) Membership

Twenty-four (24) members as follows:

- (a) Twelve (12) faculty elected from among the Graduate Faculty from the divisions of Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences, Professions, and Social Sciences. At least two faculty members must serve from each of these four divisions, and no more than one member may serve from any one department or non-departmentalized school or college. Faculty members are elected to staggered, three-year terms, and no member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms or portions thereof. Elected members of the committee should reflect the range of disciplinary competencies in the university and represent the schools and colleges insofar as the size of the committee allows.
- (b) The three (3) faculty chairs of the Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC), the Graduate Program Review Committee (GPR), and the Graduate Student Fellowships Committee (GSF).
- (c) Two (2) graduate student members appointed annually by the Student Association. Student members must be currently enrolled graduate students and both members must not come from the same school or college.
- (d) Two (2) members of academic staff appointed annually by the Academic Staff Committee from among those whose work is pertinent to graduate education or research or to the administration of graduate programs.
- (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.
- (f) GFC elects its chair for the following year from among its faculty membership at its March meeting. By May of that year, the chair-elect designates a vice-chair elect. The chair-elect and the vice-chair elect assume their full, one-year duties on August 1.
- (g) The chair or the chair's representative sits on the APBC, RPAC, and PEC committees, in order to have the information necessary for chairing the GFC and to inform those committees of GFC actions. The chair communicates as needed with the Faculty Senate, the University Committee, the Secretary of the University, graduate program representatives, and the various deans and associate deans.

- (h) GFC meets at least once a month during the academic year, and on request of the dean of the Graduate School or of five (5) GFC committee members.
- (i) GFC has the authority to declare vacant the seat of those committee members who fail to attend three (3) regular meetings in an academic year

(2) Functions

- (a) Advises the dean of the Graduate School on all academic and administrative issues that pertain to graduate education.
- (b) Formulates and reviews policies concerning UWM graduate programs.
- (c) Considers general policy recommendations from GCC, GPR, and GSF pertaining to their areas of governance. The Graduate Faculty Committee reviews and approves all general policies that apply across graduate programs.
- (d) Establishes criteria for membership in the Graduate Faculty of the university.
- (e) Reviews Graduate School regulations and requirements with general application to student admission, continuation, and graduation, and the academic operation of UWM graduate programs. Based on this review, the committee recommends appropriate changes for dissemination through sources such as the Graduate School website, the Graduate School Bulletin and the Graduate Student and Faculty Handbook.
- (f) Reviews policies and procedures affecting graduate student assistantships, fellowships, awards and any other sources of funding, and advocates for fair and competitive levels of graduate student compensation and workload.
- (g) Reviews policies and procedures at all levels of the university that impact graduate student success, such as those related to health and wellbeing, funding for graduate study, diversity, professional development, retention and completion, and campus safety. GFC will make recommendations to governance committees, administrative offices, or academic units as appropriate.
- (h) Undertakes investigations into larger and more complex issues pertaining to graduate study recommended by its own members, by GCC, GPR, or GSF, or by the administration of the Graduate School.
- (i) Designates two members who will serve, if needed, on a Graduate Assistant Appeals Panel for Step Three grievance proceedings, as described in the [Graduate Assistant Employment Grievance Procedure](#).

(Document 2563, 3/15/07; UWM Administration approval, 5/11/07) (Document 2780, 4/21/11; UWM Administration approval, 5/2/11)

(Document 2780R1, 9/20/18; UWM Administration approval, 10/12/18)

Meetings:

The Graduate Faculty Committee met on the following dates:

- Monday, September 20, 2021
- Monday, October 18, 2021
- Monday, November 15, 2021
- Monday, December 13, 2021
- Monday, February 14, 2022
- Monday, March 14, 2022
- Monday, April 11, 2022
- Monday, May 2, 2022

During the 2020-21 academic year, the GFC:

A. Accepted Annual Reports

- a. Graduate Faculty Committee, 2020-21
- b. Graduate School Scholastic Appeals Committee, 2020-21

B. Approved Policies and Procedures

- a. Revision to GFC Charter regarding ex-officio members
- b. English Proficiency Requirement for Graduate Students and Graduate Teaching Assistants, GFC Doc. 1373
- c. Qualitative Reviews of Graduate Programs, GFC Doc. 951
- d. Administration of University Graduate Fellowships, GFC Doc. 1872
- e. Microcredentials at UWM, GFC Doc. 1873
- f. Development, Structure, and Administration of Graduate Certificate Programs, GFC Doc. 1357

C. Endorsed

- a. Voted to endorse posthumous Media Studies MA degree for Naomi A. Wilson
- b. Voted to endorse revision to the Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Student Advisory Group on Anti-Racism and Racial Equality proposal
- c. Voted to permit the GFC Chair to conduct urgent business on behalf of the Committee related to any minor approvals during the summer

D. Sent names to Board of Regents for completed graduate degrees – fall, spring, summer

E. Set up Scholastic Appeals Committee hearings for two academic misconduct appeals