

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

Monday, December 5, 2022

1:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

(Committee Members): Winson Chu, David DiValerio, Donald Force, Sunwoong Kim, Lindsay McHenry, Joshua Mersky, Abigail Phillips, Gillian Rodger, Erin Ruppel, Scott Schanke, Katie Vater

(Non-Committee Members): Tiffany Nation (Graduate Program Coordinator); Victoria Moerchen (Ex-Officio)

Absent: Ryoichi Amano, Alexander Arnold, Timothy O'Brien, Bo Zhang, Bonita Klein-Tasman (Ex-Officio), Alessandra Gillen (Graduate School)

Guests: Scott Strath, Benjamin Campbell

I. Call to Order

Called to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Announcements

There were no announcements.

III. Approve Meeting Minutes from the October 10, 2022

The minutes were approved, motioned, and passed unanimously.

IV. Kinesiology, PhD Program Review External Report

Gillian Rodger and former GPRC committee member Benjamin Campbell served as external reviewers.

Rodger reported that Campbell and she were both in agreement with the external report.

She reported that both external and internal reviewers were very impressed with the program and their ability to do so much with very little resources.

They agreed that the long-term viability of the program is at stake due to both lack of resources and the lack of a younger faculty. The external reviewers recommended hiring one to two junior faculty.

The program has suffered from systematic defunding from the university for the last 10 to 15 years. The program is however producing and has produced 9 PhDs in seven years. The quality of the graduate students that the program is producing is quite high, which given the financial difficulty this is a very good outcome.

The major concern for the program is lack of resources.

Rodger and Campbell recommend that the program be approved for the next 10 years.

Discussion followed.

Recommendation for continuation of the graduate program for the next 10 years with considerations was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously.

V. 2023 Virtual Program Review Site Visit and Accreditation Committee Member Assignments

GPRC Chair Ruppel informed the committee that the program review assignments have been made. She asked the committee if they have any scheduling conflicts per her assignments to please contact her.

VI. Other Business

Next Meeting: February 13, 2023.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.