

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

Monday, April 10, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

(Committee Members): Alexander Arnold, Winson Chu, Donald Force, Sunwoong Kim, Lindsay McHenry, Joshua Mersky, Timothy O'Brien, Abigail Phillips, Erin Ruppel, Scott Schanke, Katie Vater

(Non-Committee Members): Tiffany Nation (Graduate Program Coordinator)

Absent: Phillip Chang, David DiValerio, Gillian Rodger, Bo Zhang, Bonita Klein-Tasman (Ex-Officio), Alessandra Gillen (Graduate School), Victoria Moerchen (Ex-Officio)

Guests: Cheryl Baldwin (School of Education), Jennifer Doll (Biomedical Sciences & Health Care Administration), Marie Sandy (School of Education)

I. Call to Order

Called to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. Announcements

The GPRC Chair Ruppel welcomed new member Phillip Chang to the committee and thanked him for his willingness to serve. She also thanked the committee for all of their hard work on completing the program review site visits so far this semester.

She reminded the committee that if they are assigned to any upcoming site visits to be sure to inform Tiffany Nation of any scheduling conflicts as soon as possible.

III. Approve Meeting Minutes from the December 5, 2022

The minutes were approved, motioned, and passed unanimously.

IV. Health Sciences, PhD Program Review External Report

Timothy O'Brien and Donald Force served as external reviewers.

O'Brien reported that there were no red flags in the external report. The external reviewers gave the program an A rating of continuance without considerations so there were no real issues. The external report noted the observations of how the program is both multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary and how the upcoming reorganization at the campus level could be an opportunity to sort of reorient the identity of the program and make its own kind of identity, more unique.

The external report noted how flexible and interdisciplinary the program is but at the same time this creates kind of an uneven experience for students, depending on what their path is and who their mentors are. On one hand this is a strength of the program and on the other hand creates this uneven, potentially uneven experience. But again, there were no concerns at all. Overall, the program is doing a great job and there's no conditions for the next 10 years.

Force agreed with O'Brien's report and thought that the review went exceptionally well, and the program is very focused.

Discussion followed.

O'Brien and Force recommend that the program be approved for the next 10 years.

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

V. Administrative Leadership, MS Program Review External Report

Winson Chu and Lindsey McHenry served as internal reviewers. Chu reported that both he and McHenry largely agreed with the external reviewer's report. They were glad that the administrative leadership program was able to correct some of the misunderstandings per the external report. Some of the points that the external reviewers made were obviously problems that are across campus which include lack of funding and faculty. The program has lost five or six faculty members of which five faculty were of color which represented a big blow to the program.

We noted some discontent among students for an A in their coursework, and especially the presence of a lot of asynchronous classes that are offered online and is there any effort to maybe alleviate or to change the structure of coursework so that there might be less asynchronous online coursework.

Discussion followed.

Chu and McHenry recommend that the program be approved for the next 10 years.

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

VI. Other Business

There was no other business.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.