

# The University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)

Monday, May 8, 2023

3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Teleconference via Teams

## Meeting Minutes

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by John Berges, Chair.

### II. Roll Call

**Present:** (Committee Members): Sara Benesh, John Berges, Anne Bonds, Tracy Boyer, Noelle Chesley, Stephen Cobb, Craig Guilbault, Teresa Johnson, Carol Klingbeil, Michael Newman, Danielle Romain Dagenhardt, Erin Ruppel, Leigh Wallace, Erin Winkler  
(Non-Committee Members): Alessandra Gillen, Erin Fox (*Ex officio*), Mark Harris (*Ex officio*)

**Absent:** (Committee Members): Emily Godager, Nicki Roman, Aaron Schutz  
(Non-Committee Members): Vickie Moerchen (*Ex officio*)

**Guests:** Kitonga Alexander, Dana Baldwin, Shane Haensgen, Bonnie Klein-Tasman

### III. Announcements

a. None.

### IV. Automatic Consent

The following item was approved as distributed:

a. Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of April 19, 2023

### V. Continuing Business

- a. ProQuest electronic thesis submission (Discussion)
- i. John Berges described the theses policy, Fac. Doc. 3201R1: 201/1262: Policy and Time Limit for Temporary Withholding of Theses and Dissertations from Public Disclosure, and summarized the discussions held with campus stakeholders about the current process and procedure. Discussion. No changes to current policy were proposed.

### VI. New Business

- a. Consider a motion to permit the 2022-23 GFC Chair to conduct urgent business on behalf of the Committee related to minor GFC approvals during the summer. A motion was made to approve. Discussion. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- b. Election of 2023-24 GFC chair
  - i. The chair-elect assumes their full, one-year duties on August 1. Discussion. No motion was made to select a chair.
- c. GFC chair-elect's designation of 2023-24 Vice Chair

- i. The vice-chair elect assumes their full, one-year duties on August 1. Discussion. No motion was made to select a vice-chair.

**VII. Reports**

- d. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School
  - i. Mark Harris reported that spring commencement is approaching and encouraged attendance.
  - ii. Graduate students from Cardinal Stritch University have been applying to UWM.
  - iii. Vickie Moerchen will be presenting the GFC-approved certificate policy at the next Faculty Senate, Fac. Doc. 3206R2: Policies and Procedures for the Development, Structure, Administration, and Review of Graduate Certificate Programs.
  - iv. Bonnie Klein-Tasman discussed the development of a new Graduate School mission and vision statement. She is also establishing a community of practice on mentoring graduate students.
- e. Chair's Report
  - i. John Berges reported that the English Language Academy inquired about making changes to the English proficiency policy, Fac. Doc. 3078R1: English Proficiency Requirements for Applicants to the Graduate School. Since it is the end of the academic year, they will bring this back to GFC in 2023-24.
- f. Report from Chairs of other Graduate School Committees
  - i. Graduate Curriculum Committee
    1. Tracy Boyer said that Teresa Johnson will be the new GCC chair in 2023-24. It was a busy year for GCC, made easier by Tiffany Nation's efficiency. GCC has been looking at clarifying the undergrad and grad requirements in U/G courses and will continue that work in the fall.
  - ii. Graduate Student Fellowships Committee
    1. Sara Benesh said the GSFC had its last meeting of the year and reviewed the policy and procedures for the committee. No policy changes were made.
  - iii. Graduate Program Review Committee
    1. Erin Ruppel echoed the compliment of Tiffany Nation, for running the GPRC. They will elect a new chair in 2023-24.
- g. Report from GFC representatives on other standing committees
  - i. Academic Planning and Budget Committee
    1. None.
  - ii. Academic Policy Committee
    1. Danielle Romain Dagenhardt stated that APC reviewed the spring and fall break policy.
  - iii. Research Policy and Advisory Committee
    1. Sara Benesh stated that the RPAC will discuss training that will be rolled out soon, regarding the responsible conduct of research.

**VIII. Other Business**

- a. Mark Harris thanked John Berges for chairing the GFC this year.

**IX. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.