

The University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)

Monday, October 17, 2022

3 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Teleconference via Teams

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by John Berges, Chair.

II. Roll Call

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

Guests: Kitonga Alexander, Dana Baldwin, Nan Kim, Bonnie Klein-Tasman, Kate Negri, Alexandra Rodriguez

III. Announcements

a. Introduction of new GFC member Emily Godager, PhD candidate in Communication.

IV. Automatic Consent

The following item was approved as distributed:

a. Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of September 19, 2022

V. Continuing Business

- a. Appointment of Representatives for Standing Committee
- i. Academic Planning and Budget Committee
 1. Suzanne Boyd has stepped down from GFC and APBC.
 2. A motion was made to appoint Aaron Schutz to APBC as the GFC representative. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

- a. Proposal to award a posthumous History MA degree and Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies to Dan Koehler. He meets the requirements of the posthumous graduate degree policy (Faculty Doc. 3182/GFC Doc. 602) and both the History program and Museum Studies program support awarding the degree and certificate.
- i. Dan Koehler, 64, of Waukesha passed away on February 27, 2022. In Fall 2019, he matriculated in the History MA program to pursue a concentration in Public History and the Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies. Through the History and Museum Studies programs, he furthered his passion for nonprofit and educational pursuits. While at UWM, Dan maintained his long-term affiliation

with the Yerkes Observatory, where he had worked part-time for over 20 years. He spent his last years also working with several other nonprofit organizations, including the Kettle Moraine Land Trust, Rock County Historical Society, and NWA Space & Science Center. In Spring 2022, Dan was in his final semester before graduation.

- ii. The motion to award the posthumous degree and certificate was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- b. Proposal from the School of Biomedical Sciences to change its name to School of Biomedical Sciences and Health Care Administration (Information Only)
- c. Discussion about "Policies and Procedures for the Establishment and Review of Accelerated Master's Degrees" (Faculty Doc. 3225/GFC Doc. 1311)

VII. Reports

- a. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School
 - i. Mark Harris reported that the Graduate School had a successful Grad Student picnic, and has been hosting wellness events for students.
 - ii. The virtual Grad School Open House is coming up.
 - iii. The Graduate School is planning for a proposed budget cut. Discussion
- b. Chair's Report
 - i. John Berges reported that the English Proficiency Working Group is close to being assembled.

VIII. Other Business

- a. The committee discussed graduate student financial support and the student hourly pay rate.

IX. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.