

The University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)

Monday, November 21, 2022

3 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Teleconference via Teams

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by John Berges, Chair.

II. Roll Call

Present: (Committee Members): Sara Benesh, John Berges, Anne Bonds, Tracy Boyer, Stephen Cobb, 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*)

Absent: (Committee Members): Noelle Chesley, Emily Godager

Guests: Kitonga Alexander, Dana Baldwin, Bonnie Klein-Tasman, Brian Kohr Jr.

III. Announcements

a. None.

IV. Automatic Consent

The following item was approved as distributed:

a. Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of October 17, 2022

V. Continuing Business

- a. English Proficiency Working Group (Discussion)
 - i. The first meeting of the Working Group will be on December 14.
- b. Motion for approval "Policies and Procedures for the Establishment and Review of Accelerated Master's Degrees" (Faculty Doc. 3225/GFC Doc. 1311)
 - i. A motion was made to approve. Discussion. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

- a. Graduate Student hourly pay rates (Discussion)
 - i. UW System Administrative Policy 205: Employment of Student Help was reviewed.
 - ii. John Berges will research the UWM policy on graduate student compensation and report back to the GFC.

VII. Reports

- a. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School
 - i. Mark Harris reported that Graduate Assistant stipend amounts are currently being reviewed.
 - ii. The topic of interinstitutional graduate certificates will be brought to the next GFC meeting for discussion.
 - iii. Erin Fox discussed the two Graduate Student Open Houses that were recently held. One was virtual and one was in-person – both were successful with 5,050 attendees at the virtual and 501 attendees at the in-person Open House.
- b. Chair's Report
 - i. John Berges reported that he presented the GFC annual report to Faculty Senate.
 - ii. John, Bonnie Klein-Tasman, and Vickie Moerchen will be meeting with Michael Doyle, Associate Vice Provost of the Library, regarding the current requirement that graduate students submit their dissertations to ProQuest.
 - iii. Through an NSF grant, John has been in touch with the student group DREAM at UWM, part of a national network of student chapters with resources for college students with disabilities. There may be some disability advocacy issues that will come to GFC.
- c. Report from Chairs of other Graduate School Committees
 - i. Graduate Curriculum Committee
 - 1. None.
 - ii. Graduate Student Fellowships Committee
 - 1. None
 - iii. Graduate Program Review Committee
 - 1. Erin Ruppel stated that she is the new chair of GPRC taking over for Suzanne Boyd.
- d. Report from GFC representatives on other standing committees
 - i. Physical Environment Committee
 - 1. John Berges asked for a volunteer to represent the GFC on this committee. Mark Harris spoke to the responsibilities of the committee. No GFC members volunteered.
 - ii. Academic Planning and Budget Committee
 - 1. Aaron Schutz stated that there is a 3.5% budget cut. Declining enrollment has been costing the University.
 - iii. Academic Policy Committee
 - 1. Danielle Romain Dagenhardt stated that RPAC approved the academic calendar. The committee was also informed on the academic drop policy which mostly applies to undergraduate students.
 - iv. Research Policy and Advisory Committee
 - 1. Sara Benesh stated that the RPAC discussed external review of research at UWM. At RPAC, Mark Harris spoke about the merger between the Office of Research and the Graduate School.

VIII. Other Business

- a. Bonnie Klein-Tasman stated that the Racial Justice and Equity Graduate Student Advisory Group (RJECSAG) has been researching issues regarding graduate student

housing at UWM. Also, RJECSAG members have been attending GFC as guests and are interested in pursuing formal representation on the committee.

IX. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.