

The University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)

Monday, December 19, 2022

3 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Teleconference via Teams

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 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, Michael Newman, Erin Ruppel, Aaron Schutz, Leigh Wallace, Erin Winkler

(Non-Committee Members): Alessandra Gillen, Mark Harris (*Ex officio*), Vickie Moerchen (*Ex officio*)

Absent: (Committee Members): Carol Klingbeil, Danielle Romain Dagenhardt, Nicki Roman

(Non-Committee Members): Erin Fox (*Ex officio*)

Guests: Kitonga Alexander

III. Announcements

a. None.

IV. Automatic Consent

The following item was approved as distributed:

a. Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of November 21, 2022

V. Continuing Business

a. English Proficiency Working Group (Discussion)

i. John Berges stated that the working group is reviewing the English proficiency policy, including testing requirements and English language requirements across departments. A third meeting will be held in February.

b. Graduate Student hourly pay rates (Discussion)

i. Research is ongoing on the graduate student hourly pay rates and the equity across units.

c. ProQuest electronic thesis submission (Discussion)

Faculty Doc. 3201/GFC Doc. 1262: Policy and Time Limit for Temporary Withholding of Theses and Dissertations from Public Disclosure

i. John Berges discussed the issues regarding ProQuest. Creative writing students are currently allowed an exemption so their work isn't considered previously published. Aaron Schutz suggested surveying alumni on any potential issues.

VI. New Business

- a. Inter-institutional graduate certificates (Discussion)
 - i. Faculty Doc. 3206R1/GFC Doc. 1357: Policies and Procedures for the Development, Structure, and Administration of Graduate Certificate Programs
 - 1. Mark Harris discussed the possibility of graduate certificate programs that span institutions. Discussion. Mark will come back to GFC again with suggested edits to the certificate policy.

VII. Reports

- a. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School
 - i. Mark stated that there is discussion around creating an orientation for graduate assistants. There is also a series being developed for faculty about research policies and training.
 - ii. John Berges added that he has been working with students with disabilities on an orientation for teaching assistants that includes information on the Accessibility Resource Center, Norris Health Center, and Center for International Education.
- b. Chair's Report
 - i. None.
- c. Report from Chairs of other Graduate School Committees
 - i. Graduate Curriculum Committee
 - 1. Tracy Boyer said that the GCC is looking at clarifying the difference between a U and a G class.
 - ii. Graduate Student Fellowships Committee
 - 1. Sara Benesh stated that GSFC will be reviewing fellowship applications in February.
 - iii. Graduate Program Review Committee
 - 1. Erin Ruppel stated that the GPRC is working on 13 program review site visits, and that the Dance program is going through reaccreditation.
- d. Report from GFC representatives on other standing committees
 - i. Physical Environment Committee
 - 1. No volunteers to join the committee. No report.
 - ii. Academic Planning and Budget Committee
 - 1. Aaron Schutz stated that the Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance gave a report on the status of the budgets for the units. Graduate enrollment is not distributed evenly across units.
 - iii. Academic Policy Committee
 - 1. None.
 - iv. Research Policy and Advisory Committee
 - 1. Sarah Benesh stated that the RPAC is reaching out to groups on campus to present, including the Undergraduate Research Office and the Data Science Institute. Mark Harris presented the report from the Redesigning the Research Infrastructure – Faculty Workload Group which is now available on the 2030 Action Plan website.

VIII. Other Business

- a. None.

IX. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.