

The University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)

Monday, February 20, 2023

3 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Teleconference via Teams

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Present: (Committee Members): Sara Benesh, John Berges, Anne Bonds, Noelle Chesley, Stephen Cobb, Emily Godager, Craig Guilbault, Teresa Johnson, Carol Klingbeil, Michael Newman, Danielle Romain Dagenhardt, Erin Ruppel, Aaron Schutz, Leigh Wallace, Erin Winkler

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

Absent: (Committee Members): Tracy Boyer, Vickie Moerchen (*Ex officio*), Nicki Roman

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

Guests: Kitonga Alexander, Dana Baldwin, Michael Doylen, Shane Haensgen, Bonnie Klein-Tasman, Alexandra Rodriguez

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. 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

ii. Mark stated that the policy is being revised by Vickie Moerchen to review at an upcoming meeting.

b. English Proficiency Working Group (Discussion)

i. John Berges stated that the English Proficiency Working Group is wrapping up and has developed a list of issues. A draft report from the Working Group will come back to GFC for discussion.

c. Graduate Student hourly pay rates (Discussion)

i. Bonnie Klein-Tasman has been reaching out to Human Resources but has no updates to share.

d. ProQuest electronic thesis submission (Update)

- i. Faculty Doc. 3201/GFC Doc. 1262: Policy and Time Limit for Temporary Withholding of Theses and Dissertations from Public Disclosure
- ii. John Berges introduced Michael Doylen, Associate Vice Provost & Library Director. Michael described the process of UWM's ETD requirement. Shane Haensgen, Graduate Program Manager, discussed embargo periods and extensions. Discussion.

VI. New Business

- a. Graduate School Mission and Vision Statement
 - i. Bonnie Klein-Tasman and Dana Baldwin detailed the revision process of the Graduate School's Mission and Vision Statement.

VII. Reports

- a. Report from the Dean of the Graduate School
 - i. Mark Harris detailed Graduate School efforts including Preparing Future Faculty & Professionals workshops, Wellness Series, and Graduate School Open House.
 - ii. The Grad School budget is still being finalized and may affect the number of fellowships offered.
 - iii. Bonnie Klein-Tasman stated that National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity webinar discussions are upcoming. Also in the works are discussions on best practices for graduate student mentoring and meetings with divisional committees regarding tenure. A new faculty email newsletter has been established.
 - iv. Mark stated that campus is planning an orientation for Graduate Assistants in the fall.
- b. Chair's Report
 - i. None.
- c. Report from Chairs of other Graduate School Committees
 - i. Graduate Curriculum Committee
 1. None.
 - ii. Graduate Student Fellowships Committee
 1. Sara Benesh stated the GSFC is meeting on Friday to decide on fellowship awardees.
 - iii. Graduate Program Review Committee
 1. Erin Ruppel stated there are a lot of program reviews this semester and the next committee meeting is in March.
 - iv. Physical Environment Committee
 1. None.
 - v. Academic Planning and Budget Committee
 1. None.
 - vi. Academic Policy Committee
 1. Danielle Romain Dagenhardt stated that nothing related to the Graduate School has been discussed recently.
 - vii. Research Policy and Advisory Committee
 1. Sarah Benesh stated that the RPAC discussed the Finish Line awards and the 2030 report on faculty workload.

VIII. Other Business

- a. None.

IX. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.