

**University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
GRADUATE FACULTY COMMITTEE
2022-2023 Annual Report**

Members:

Name	Rank	Department	Term Ends
John Berges, Chair	FAC	Biological Sciences	2023
Michael Newman	FAC	English	2025
Aaron Schutz	FAC	Educational Policy & Community Studies	2025
Erin Winkler	FAC	African & African Diaspora Studies	2025
Anne Bonds	FAC	Geography	2024
Noelle Chesley	FAC	Sociology	2024
Stephen Cobb ¹	FAC	Kinesiology	2024
Teresa Johnson	FAC	Nursing	2024
Erin Ruppel	FAC	Communication	2024
Craig Guilbault	FAC	Mathematical Sciences	2023
Carol Klingbeil	AS	College of Nursing	2023
Danielle Romain Dagenhardt ²	FAC	Criminal Justice & Criminology	2023
Nicki Roman ³	FAC	Music	2023
Leigh Wallace	AS	School of Education	2023
Sara Benesh	FAC	Political Science (GSFC Chair)	2023
< > ⁴	FAC	(GPRC Chair)	2023
Tracy Boyer	FAC	Freshwater Sciences (GCC Chair)	2023
Erin Fox	AS	Graduate School staff (ex officio)	2023
Mark Harris	Dean	Graduate School (ex officio)	2023
Victoria Moerchen	Assoc Dean	Graduate School (ex officio)	2023
Emily Godager	Student	Graduate Student	2023
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1 Repl L. Hu (2024-E)

2 Repl M. Zell (2023-E)

3 Repl C. Evans (2023-E)

4 Repl S. Boyd (2023)

Charter:

Functions/ Responsibilities:

A3.05 Graduate Faculty Committee

The Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC) is UWM's main policy making body for graduate education. As such it oversees academic and administrative matters across graduate programs, and acts as an advocate for graduate students and graduate programs within the university.

(1) **Membership**

Twenty-four (24) members as follows:

- (a) Twelve (12) faculty elected from among the Graduate Faculty from the divisions of Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences, Professions, and Social Sciences. At least two faculty members must serve from each of these four divisions, and no more than one member may serve from any one department or non-departmentalized school or college. Faculty members are elected to staggered, three-year terms, and no member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms or portions thereof. Elected members of the committee should reflect the range of disciplinary competencies in the university and represent the schools and colleges insofar as the size of the committee allows.
- (b) The three (3) faculty chairs of the Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC), the Graduate Program Review Committee (GPR), and the Graduate Student Fellowships Committee (GSF).
- (c) Two (2) graduate student members appointed annually by the Student Association. Student members must be currently enrolled graduate students and both members must not come from the same school or college.
- (d) Two (2) members of academic staff appointed annually by the Academic Staff Committee from among those whose work is pertinent to graduate education or research or to the administration of graduate programs.
- (e) Ex-officio members shall include the chair of the Research Policy Advisory Committee (RPAC) or delegate; a member of the University Committee; the dean, one associate dean, and a staff person from the Graduate School.
- (f) GFC elects its chair for the following year from among its faculty membership at its March meeting. By May of that year, the chair-elect designates a vice-chair elect. The chair-elect and the vice-chair elect assume their full, one-year duties on August 1.
- (g) The chair or the chair's representative sits on the APBC, RPAC, and PEC committees, in order to have the information necessary for chairing the GFC and to inform those committees of GFC actions. The chair communicates as needed with the Faculty Senate, the University Committee, the Secretary of the University, graduate program

representatives, and the various deans and associate deans.

- (h) GFC meets at least once a month during the academic year, and on request of the dean of the Graduate School or of five (5) GFC committee members.
- (i) GFC has the authority to declare vacant the seat of those committee members who fail to attend three (3) regular meetings in an academic year

(2) Functions

- (a) Advises the dean of the Graduate School on all academic and administrative issues that pertain to graduate education.
- (b) Formulates and reviews policies concerning UWM graduate programs.
- (c) Considers general policy recommendations from GCC, GPR, and GSF pertaining to their areas of governance. The Graduate Faculty Committee reviews and approves all general policies that apply across graduate programs.
- (d) Establishes criteria for membership in the Graduate Faculty of the university.
- (e) Reviews Graduate School regulations and requirements with general application to student admission, continuation, and graduation, and the academic operation of UWM graduate programs. Based on this review, the committee recommends appropriate changes for dissemination through sources such as the Graduate School website, the Graduate School Bulletin and the Graduate Student and Faculty Handbook.
- (f) Reviews policies and procedures affecting graduate student assistantships, fellowships, awards and any other sources of funding, and advocates for fair and competitive levels of graduate student compensation and workload.
- (g) Reviews policies and procedures at all levels of the university that impact graduate student success, such as those related to health and wellbeing, funding for graduate study, diversity, professional development, retention and completion, and campus safety. GFC will make recommendations to governance committees, administrative offices, or academic units as appropriate.
- (h) Undertakes investigations into larger and more complex issues pertaining to graduate study recommended by its own members, by GCC, GPR, or GSF, or by the administration of the Graduate School.
- (i) Designates two members who will serve, if needed, on a Graduate Assistant Appeals Panel for Step Three grievance proceedings, as described in the [Graduate Assistant Employment Grievance Procedure](#).

(Document 2563, 3/15/07; UWM Administration approval, 5/11/07) (Document 2780, 4/21/11;
UWM Administration approval, 5/2/11)

(Document 2780R1, 9/20/18; UWM Administration approval, 10/12/18)

(Document 3384, 03/17/22; UWM Administration approval, 03/24/22)

Meetings:

The Graduate Faculty Committee met on the following dates:

Monday, September 19, 2022
Monday, October 17, 2022
Monday, November 21, 2022
Monday, December 19, 2022
Monday, February 20, 2023
Monday, March 13, 2023
Monday, April 10, 2023
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Monday, May 8, 2023

During the 2022-23 academic year, the GFC:

A. Accepted Annual Reports

- a. Graduate Faculty Committee, 2021-22
- b. Graduate School Scholastic Appeals Committee, 2021-22

B. Approved Policies and Procedures

- a. Faculty Doc. 3225R1: Policies and Procedures for the Establishment and Review of Accelerated Graduate Degrees
- b. Faculty Doc. 3393R1: Policies and Procedures for Microcredentials at UWM
- c. Faculty Doc. 3206R3: Policies and Procedures for the Development, Structure, Administration, and Review of Graduate Certificate Programs

C. Endorsed

- a. Voted to endorse posthumous History MA degree and Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies to Dan Koehler.
- b. Voted to endorse the following emergency accommodation: "Allow exceptions to the 6-credit cap on transfer credits for graduate students from Cardinal Stritch University to UWM for the summer 2023, fall 2023, spring 2024, and summer 2024 terms, in which individual UWM programs are allowed to determine whether and how prior coursework will come into their program."
- c. Voted to permit the GFC Chair to conduct urgent business on behalf of the Committee related to any minor approvals during the summer

D. Sent names to Board of Regents for completed graduate degrees – Fall, Spring, Summer