

The University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)

Monday, September 18, 2023

3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Teleconference via Teams

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order

- a) The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Erin Ruppel.

2) Roll Call

- a) Present: (*Committee Members*): Anne Bonds, Stephen Cobb, Rick Edwards IV, Teresa Johnson, Michael Newman, Hamid Ouali, Bob Packard, Joseph Rodriguez, Erin Ruppel, Aaron Schutz, Erin Winkler, Jeb Willenbring, Jorg Woehl
(*Non-Committee Members*): Erin Flynn (*Ex officio*), Alessandra Gillen, Vickie Moerchen (*Ex officio*), Kris O'Connor (*Ex officio*)
- b) Absent: (*Committee Members*): Noelle Chesley
- c) Guests: Dana Baldwin, Shane Haensgen, Brooke Haley, Bonnie Klein-Tasman, Jennifer Singer

3) Announcements

- a) None.

4) Automatic Consent

- a) Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of May 5, 2023
- b) Annual Reports
 - i) Graduate Faculty Committee
 - ii) Graduate School Scholastic Appeals Committee

5) New Business

- a) Election of 2023-24 GFC Chair
 - i) Discussion. Erin Winkler nominated Aaron Schutz to be GFC Chair. Rick Edwards IV seconded. Schutz accepted the nomination, agreed to serve, and was elected Chair with one abstention.
- b) Election of 2023-24 GFC Vice Chair
 - i) Discussion. Teresa Johnson nominated Rick Edwards IV to be GFC Vice Chair. Bob Packard seconded. Edwards IV accepted the nomination, agreed to serve, and was elected Vice Chair unanimously.
- c) Appointment of Representatives for Standing Committees
 - i) Physical Environment Committee
 - (1) None

- ii) Academic Planning and Budget Committee
 - (1) None
- iii) Academic Policy Committee
 - (1) None
- iv) Research Policy and Advisory Committee
 - (1) None
- d) Proposed revision to the English proficiency test scores required for international students who are appointed as Teaching Assistants
 - i) Faculty Doc. 3078R1: English Proficiency Requirements for Applicants to the Graduate School
 - ii) Brooke Haley discussed the proposed changes to policy, to adjust the English language proficiency scores required of Graduate Teaching Assistants.
 - iii) A motion to approve the policy changes was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- e) Duties and responsibilities of Graduate Program Representatives (Grad Reps) in leading graduate programs.
 - i) A motion to table was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- f) Racial Justice and Equity Graduate Student Advisory Group (RJECSAG) and grad students advising GFC (Discussion)
 - i) A working group was formed to discuss a grad student advisory group and bring the issue back to GFC. Working group members will be Dana Baldwin, Bonnie Klein-Tasman, Aaron Schutz, Anne Bonds, and Erin Winkler.

6) Continuing Business

- a) Microcredentials
 - i) Faculty Doc. 3393R1: Policies and Procedures for Microcredentials at UWM
 - ii) A motion to table was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

7) Reports

- a) Report from the Dean of the Graduate School
 - i) Kris O'Connor introduced himself as the new Interim Dean and discussed the enrollment in graduate programs. The Graduate School will provide context for the enrollment numbers for the Provost.
- b) Chair's Report
 - i) Aaron Schutz thanked everyone on the committee for serving and invited them to bring any policy issues to GFC.

8) Other Business

- a) None

9) Adjournment

- a) The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.