

The University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC)

Monday, November 20, 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 Aaron Schutz, Chair.

2) Roll Call

- a) Present: (*Committee Members*): Anne Bonds, Noelle Chesley, Stephen Cobb, Rick Edwards IV, Grace Fasipe-McClatchey, Teresa Johnson, Nicholas Miller, Michael Newman, Hamid Ouali, Bob Packard, Joseph Rodriguez, Erin Ruppel, Aaron Schutz (*Chair*), 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*): Stephen Cobb, Nathan Salowitz, Erin Winkler
- c) Guests: Dana Baldwin, Bonnie Klein-Tasman

3) Announcements

- a) Welcome to two new GFC members: Grace Fasipe-McClatchey, Engineering PhD, and Nicholas Miller, Multidisciplinary PhD.

4) Automatic Consent

- a) Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting of September 18, 2023

5) Continuing Business

- a) Duties and responsibilities of Graduate Program Representatives (“Grad Reps”) in leading graduate programs. Topic postponed to the next GFC meeting.
- b) Advanced Opportunity Program Fellowship Graduate Student Advisory Group (Discussion)
 - i) The AOP Fellowship Graduate Student Advisory Group charter was discussed.
 - ii) A motion was made to approve the new charter. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- c) Microcredentials. (Discussion)
 - i) Vickie Moerchen discussed the procedures in the new microcredential policy, highlighting “Proposal of New Microcredentials” on p. 5-6 of Faculty Doc. 3393R1: Policies and Procedures for Microcredentials at UWM
- d) Appointment of Representatives for Standing Committees
 - i) Academic Planning and Budget Committee

- (1) Noelle Chesley will report on APBC after discussing meetings with a colleague on the committee.
- ii) Academic Policy Committee
 - (1) Michael Newman is a member of APC, and will serve as GFC rep.
- i) Research Policy and Advisory Committee
 - (1) None

6) New Business

- a) UG/G syllabus policy (Discussion)
 - i) Fac. Doc. 3196R1: Requirements for Graduate Credit in Graduate Level Courses and Combined Undergraduate/Graduate Level Courses
 - ii) Vickie discussed the policy changes that were approved by the Graduate Curriculum Committee. A motion was made to approve the revised policy. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

7) Reports

- a) Report from the Dean of the Graduate School
 - i) Vickie Moerchen reported on behalf of the Dean.
 - (1) Race/ethnicity data will no longer be displayed during the application review stage for graduate admissions, which is the same approach as undergraduate admissions.
 - (2) Erin Flynn reported on the two Graduate School Open House events. Both events were successful; the virtual event had 612 attendees, and the in-person event had 512 attendees.
 - (3) Vickie and Bonnie are reviewing dissertation expectations and current policy. The topic will be on the agenda for discussion at a future GFC meeting.
- b) Chair's Report
 - i) Aaron Schutz stated that the October GFC meeting had been canceled due to a lack of business.

8) Other Business

- a) None

9) Adjournment

- a) The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.