MINUTES

Members Present: Cadwallader, Bell, Bleam, Cook, Crone, Drinkwater, Greenberg, Kalil (out at 3:47), Mari-Beffa, Palta, Paulnock, Peterson, Ramanathan, Rindfleisch (in at 1:42), Schauer, Shapiro, Sharpless, Tejedo-Herrero, Weimer

Members Absent: Sacaridiz, Sytsma

Guests: Doug Reinemann; Shep Zeldin; Susan Eillis Weismer

Staff: Judy Bauman, Eileen Callahan, Sharon Dunwoody, Steve Hahn, Kelly Haslam, Maya Holtzman, Elena Hsu, Jennifer Martin, Kathi Matthews-Risley, Linda Scholl, Mary Butler Stone

Dean Martin Cadwallader called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm.

The minutes of April 8, 2011 were approved as written.

Information Items:

Dean Martin Cadwallader informed the GFEC that, as a result of discussion at the November 12, 2010 GFEC meeting, it was decided to allocate financial support from WARF and UW Foundation towards divisional graduate student funding efforts, Advanced Opportunity Fellowships, and Tech Transfer programs.

Approvals:

1. Associate Dean Jan Greenberg introduced the request to move the academic home for both the Prevention and Intervention Science PhD Minor and Graduate Certificate from the College of Letters and Science to the School of Nursing. It was agreed that the change is likely to serve students well.

   Action: Moved and seconded to approve the request to move the academic home for both the Prevention and Intervention Science PhD Minor and Graduate Certificate from the College of Letters and Science to the School of Nursing. The motion was passed unanimously with one abstention.

2. Associate Dean Jan Greenberg introduced the request to discontinue the MBA in International Business.

   Action: Moved and seconded to approve the request to discontinue the MBA in International Business. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Associate Dean Donna Paulnock introduced the request to create a dual degree for the Law JD and the Neuroscience PhD. It was noted that the dual degree does not change the intellectual landscape nor rigor of either individual degree, but serves as an economical way for students to complete both the graduate and professional-level degrees at the same time. Ron Kalil discussed how the proposed dual-degree will allow students to be mindful throughout the duration of their training of the opportunities for interaction between neuroscience and the law.

Action: Moved and seconded to approve the request to create a dual degree in Law JD and Neuroscience PhD. Motion approved unanimously with one abstention.

Program Reviews:

1. Doug Reinemann, from the Biological Systems Engineering department, presented the Institutional (10-year) Review of the graduate programs in Statistics. Issues addressed included high instances of statistics courses taught outside the Statistics department, a perceived cultural division between groups of graduate students/faculty, poor physical facilities, and an undue heavy administrative and teaching load for faculty. Reinemann noted that the department is concerned with declining reputational ranking of the Statistics graduate program, possibly in connection to the aforementioned issues. The review committee recommended the Statistics program further explore these issues.

Action: Moved and seconded to accept the review of the Statistic programs with a written recommendation to address the review committee’s concerns. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Doug Reinemann, from the Biological Systems Engineering department, presented the Institutional (10-year) Review of the graduate programs in Soil Science. Issues addressed included acknowledgement of two under-performing faculty members, the need for increased funding in resources and facilities, and the need of the program to balance their five traditional disciplines with emerging areas. The review committee recommended the Soil Sciences program explore these issues.

Action: Moved and seconded to approve the review of the Soil Science programs. The motion was approved unanimously.

Tabled Item:

Action: Moved and seconded to untable the April 8, 2011 request to create a named option in MS-PhD: Human Ecology: Civil Society and Community Leadership. The motion passed unanimously.

Dean Martin Cadwallader reintroduced the item of the Human Ecology’s request for a MS-PhD named option: Civil Society and Community Leadership. The School of Human Ecology proposed that the new named option was different from the School of Social Work’s Master of Social Work and the LaFollette School’s Master of Public Affairs in that if offered students a degree in applied research with a
community perspective. School of Social Work and LaFollette School proposed that there was curriculum overlap and that future graduates of the named option would compete for the same jobs and internships as their own students. Discussion focused on the types of methodologies (qualitative versus quantitative) to be used; the ability to fund students; whether the proposed named option was intended to be a terminal Masters or a direct bridge to a PhD; concern for creating another named option degree in a time of limited resources; and the uncertainty of the demand and success of students with this named option in the job market.

**Action:** Moved and seconded to approve the request for a named option in MS-PhD: Human Ecology: Civil Society and Community Leadership. The motion failed, with 2 votes for the motion, 11 against, 2 abstentions and 2 technical abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.