University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate Faculty Executive Committee
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Room 260 Bascom Hall
March 9, 2018

MINUTES

Members Present: Caroline Alexander, Lara Collier, Alex Dressler, Kristin Eschenfelder, Michael Graham (left before final two voting items), Yu Hen Hu, William Karpus, Steffen Lempp, Christa Olson, John Pfotenhauer, Parmesh Ramanathan, Leslie Smith III, Monica Turner, Earlise Ward

Members Absent: Christopher Livanos, Lisa Martin, Nicole Perna, Tracy Schroepfer, Steph Tai

Guests: Cynthia Czajkowski, Ken Genskow, Travis Flohr, Elaine Klein, Sarah Luba, Gloria Mari-Beffa, Alan Sidelle, Eric Wilots, Michelle Young

Staff: Judy Bauman, Eileen Callahan, Meghan Chua, Kelly Haslam, Michelle Holland, LaRuth McAfee, Emily Reynolds, Matthew Zinsli

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order.

The minutes of February 9, 2018, were approved as a matter of automatic consent.

Information Item
1. Dean Karpus introduced Academic Planner Michelle Young from Academic Planning and Institutional Research, who presented the timeline for the Lumen project. She discussed its impact on governance and on curricular and academic programs.

Approvals:

2. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Alan Sidelle from the Department of Philosophy, who presented a request to change the admitting status of the Philosophy MA to non-admitting. The department has in practice not been admitting students directly into the Philosophy MA, though Philosophy PhD students may earn the MA.

Motion: Moved and seconded to change the admitting status of the Philosophy MA. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Dean Karpus introduced Professor and Chair Ken Genskow and Faculty Associate Travis Flohr from the Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture, who presented a request to discontinue the capstone certificate in Geodesign, effective Fall 2018. The capstone certificate has had few students. They will be teaching the coursework as in-residence courses to students on campus.

Motion: Moved and seconded to discontinue the capstone certificate in Geodesign effective Fall 2018. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan presented a request from the Manufacturing Systems Engineering Program to discontinue the doctoral minor in Manufacturing Systems Engineering, effective Fall 2018. This minor has never been awarded and has no students currently enrolled.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to discontinue the doctoral minor in Manufacturing Systems Engineering effective Fall 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval Updates:**

5. Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan presented the Three-Year Progress Check-In for the MA Mathematics named option “Foundations of Advanced Studies.” The program is successful in meeting its goals of placing students in top PhD programs and generating revenue to support the department but relies solely on one faculty member to oversee the named option. Dean Karpus noted the learning goals and assessment plan are not fully developed, and they will expect to see this aspect expanded upon in the Five-Year Review. Associate Dean Ramanathan questioned the lack of diversity in this and other 131 programs. Other GFEC members mentioned that many of the 131 programs are created specifically for the international student population who are able to pay the full tuition. Associate Dean Gloria Mari-Beffa from the College of Letters & Science noted that the department has been in discussion about the problems with relying on a single faculty member to recruit into the program and addressing how the revenue from this program supports diversity efforts elsewhere within the department.

**Program Reviews and Updates:**

6. Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan presented a program review update from the Physiology PhD director, Professor Donata Oertel. Professor Oertel described teaching assistantship practices.

7. Associate Vice Chancellor and former GFEC Member Cynthia Czajkowski introduced the Five-Year Supplemental Review of the Doctor of Nursing Practice. Czajkowski noted the strengths of the program, including a detailed Graduate Student Handbook made easily available to students, student representation on governance committees, satisfied students who report feeling well-supported by the program, strong pass rates of certification exams by students, and well-defined and detailed grievance processes. Dean Karpus noted the School of Nursing is in the process of making efforts to convert the informal clinical specialty tracks into formal named options so that the names will appear on student transcripts. Czajkowski also noted the program was developing its own exit survey for graduates and a survey of alumni. The GFEC commends the program on its strengths and recommends it engage in efforts to address the review committee’s concerns.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to accept Five-Year Supplemental Review of the Doctor of Nursing Practice. The motion passed with 1 abstention.

4. GFEC Member Monica Turner introduced the Institutional (10-Year) Review of the MS/PhD/Doctoral Minor in Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology. Turner noted strengths of the program include its transparent and equitable steering committee, an exemplary student services coordinator, satisfied students, excellent student placements into both academic and industry, and strong student funding. Turner also mentioned Director Adjon Audhya has done an excellent job, focusing on community-building, internships and connections to private industry, meeting regularly with every student, and
engaging trainers. Turner mentioned that the program has recently regained T32 (a National Institute of Health training grant) funding. She also noted the committee was impressed with the engagement of all members of the department. Turner also discussed review committee recommendations, including continuing to develop and adhere to performance standards for faculty trainers and pursuing admissions practices that yield a strong student cohort and the recruitment of underrepresented minorities. Turner noted the doctoral minor had only been awarded one time in the last 10 years but that the program wants to retain it for flexibility. The GFEC commends the program on its strengths and recommends it engage in efforts to address the review committee’s concerns.

Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional (10-Year) Review of the MS/PhD/Doctoral Minor in Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology. The motion passed with 1 abstention.

5. GFEC Member Kristin Eschenfelder introduced the Institutional (10-Year) Review of the MS in Counseling. Eschenfelder noted that the strengths of the program include a high national ranking, competitive acceptance rate, success with diversity, satisfied students, strong professionalization opportunities, good outcomes in terms of employment, and an excellent student learning assessment system. Eschenfelder noted the program is highly sought due to its emphasis on integrating multiculturalism and diversity into counseling and that contributes to its ability to be selective. Eschenfelder also noted that review committee recommendations include continuing to work with Rehabilitation Psychology on smoothing out bumps with course sharing, communicating the changes to the degree and its accreditation status, increasing internship placements for students, and more aggressive pursuit of fellowship funding. The program is also working to increase funding for these students while balancing the time students would need to devote to an assistantship with the amount of practicum hours that are required. The GFEC commends the program on its strengths and recommends it engage in efforts to address the review committee’s concerns.

Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional (10-Year) Review of the MS in Counseling. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion: Moved and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.