Members Present: Caroline Alexander, Susan Babcock, Kristin Eschenfelder, Mary Louise Gomez, Lea Jacobs, William Karpus (Chair), Lisa Martin, Christa Olson, John Pfotenhauer, Jose Pincheira, Parmesh Ramanathan, Tracy Schroeper, Stephanie Tai, Fernando Tejedo-Herrero, Monica Turner

Members Absent: Cynthia Czajkowski, Yu Hen Hu, Nicole Perna, Kirstin Wolf

Guests: Anna Andrzejewski, Ann Archbold, Elaine Klein, Jocelyn Milner, Steve Smith, Susan Zaeske

Staff: Judy Bauman, Katie Block, Eileen Callahan, Becky Chapman, Marty Gustafson, Kelly Haslam, Elena Hsu, LaRuth McAfee, Meghan McMackin, Emily Reynolds, Tori Romba

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order.

The minutes of May 12, 2017, were approved as a matter of automatic consent.

Approvals:

1. College of Letters & Science Associate Dean Susan Zaeske introduced the request to suspend admissions to the Graduate/Professional Certificate in Material Culture Studies in the Department of Art History. The program is in low award status, which prompted a focused review to determine its long-term viability. Suspension was requested to allow time for the program to consider how it can retool and strengthen if it desires to enroll new students.

Motion: Moved and seconded to suspend admissions to the Graduate/Professional Certificate in Material Culture Studies. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. College of Letters & Science Associate Dean Susan Zaeske and Art History Professor Anna Andrzejewski introduced the request to discontinue the Ph.D. in Art History Named Option “Architectural History.” This motion previously came to GFEC in February 2017, but was tabled until the June meeting to give the department time to ascertain if there was no other option than to discontinue. The department and college consider this named option to be a unique, well-regarded program dealing with a lack of administrative support, and requested a year to consider strategies for continuing to offer the Architectural History program in some form.

Motion: Moved and seconded to take from the table the request to discontinue the Ph.D. in Art History Named Option “Architectural History”. The motion was passed unanimously.
The GFEC considered the updated information and request from the department and College regarding discontinuing the named option.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to withdraw the request to discontinue the Ph.D. in Art History Named Option “Architectural History”. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Program Reviews and Updates:**

GFEC member Kristin Eschenfelder introduced the Institutional (10-Year) Review of the Counseling Psychology Ph.D./Doctoral Minor. Eschenfelder noted the strengths of the program, which include scholarly excellence, social justice and cultural diversity including a higher than average percent of underrepresented targeted minority students, employment record for graduates, an impressive student evaluation/feedback system, and committed and engaged faculty and staff actively assessing and improving the program. Eschenfelder also discussed review committee recommendations, including a need for more equitable teaching assistantships and funding, better course sequencing and overlapping of courses with other related departments, and working to balance the research-practice with regard to licensing and uneven advising loads. The GFEC commends the program on its strengths and recommends the department engage in efforts to address the concerns.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional (10-Year) Review of the Counseling Psychology Ph.D./Doctoral Minor. The motion was passed with 14 for, 1 abstention.

2. Associate Dean Ramanathan introduced an update on the Institutional (10-Year) Review of the Theatre and Drama MFA. Ramanathan met with graduate students from the department to follow up on the review committee’s concerns, and hear how problems have been addressed by the department. Students reported an improved climate and increased communication with department leadership.

**Additional Approvals:**

1. Department of Theatre and Drama Professor Ann Archbold introduced the request to suspend admissions to the MFA/Doctoral Minor in Theatre and Drama and to discontinue the Doctoral Minor in Theatre and Drama. Archbold reported that the department’s recent program review has highlighted a need reinvent the degree program with a focus that better matches current faculty interests and improves its visibility. The program has communicated with all current students and is committed to supporting them through degree completion while they undergo this new degree planning process.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to suspend admissions to the Theatre and Drama MFA/Doctoral Minor. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to discontinue the Theatre and Drama Doctoral Minor. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Program Reviews:**

1. GFEC member Caroline Alexander introduced the Institutional (10-Year) Review of the Population Health M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor and Named Option Epidemiology MS./Ph.D. Alexander noted the
strengths of the program, which include a mission integral to the Wisconsin Idea, committed leadership and administrative support, accomplished students who show high employment after graduation, collaborative faculty with robust research programs and substantial extramural funding, and a well-designed curriculum. Alexander noted challenges facing the program, including faculty departures leaving key areas of expertise underserved, decreasing administrative support, and a lack of program accreditation which limits funding options. Alexander also discussed review committee recommendations, including securing better classroom space, working with the School of Medicine and Public Health to create a sustainable plan for replacing faculty members and maintaining a critical mass of educators and mentors for the graduate program, creating a better annual assessment of students, and having students write fellowship applications as part of their training. The GFEC discussed concern with their Ph.D. attrition rate and questioned the need for the named options in Epidemiology. The GFEC commends the programs on their strengths and recommends the department engage in efforts to address the review committee’s concerns.

Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional (10-Year) Review of the Population Health M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. GFEC member Kristin Eschenfelder introduced the Institutional (10-Year) Review of the Development Ph.D./Doctoral Minor. Eschenfelder noted the strengths of the program, which include fostering greater internationalization of UW-Madison, enthusiastic and appreciative students, good time to degree, and a required proposal for admissions which provides guidance in an otherwise very flexible program. Eschenfelder also noted that the virtual nature of the program, including a lack of physical space or courses makes it difficult to foster community, and that the program cannot provide adequate funding for students. Eschenfelder discussed review committee recommendations, including creating a student handbook, discipline-specific learning outcomes and assessment plans; ensuring that affiliate advisors have the information they need to do advising; taking modest steps to re-establish community among students and faculty; considering discontinuing the degree program and converting it into a doctoral minor or some other type of degree or certificate program; establishing undergraduate courses that can support the program’s graduate students through teaching assistantships; and developing an alternative exit strategy for students by building a master’s degree. The GFEC questioned the degree completion rates, attrition due to program transfer and the inability to fund PhD students as well as if the faculty had the capacity to continue the program given their commitments to other programs and departments, and expressed concern over its history of the aforementioned challenges over the course of the past 25 years. Associate Dean Martin recommended the program consider engaging other faculty on campus doing related research to bolster the program’s support. The GFEC strongly recommends the department engage in efforts to address the review committee’s concerns, and requests a copy of the follow-up report due to L&S and CALS in February 2018.

Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional (10-Year) Review of the Development Ph.D./Doctoral Minor. The motion was passed with 14 for, 1 abstention.

3. GFEC member José Pincheira introduced the Five-Year Review of the Real Estate and Urban Land Economics M.S. Named Option “Global Real Estate.” Pincheira noted the strengths of the program, including accomplishing its main goals of visibility, partnerships with top-rated institutions abroad for access to highly qualified international students, and utilizing existing faculty and administrative resources to be financially sustainable. Pincheira noted the program’s greatest challenge is its reliance upon one faculty member, which results in fluctuating enrollment due to highly personal recruiting efforts. There is also no systematic assessment of student outcomes. Pincheira discussed review
committee recommendations, including engaging one additional faculty member to support increasing enrollment to a more sustainable level, conducting alumni exit and post-graduation surveys, and developing a plan for systematic recruitment that could involve alumni. The GFEC requested hearing more about student assessment and feedback. The GFEC commends the programs on their strengths and recommends the department engage in efforts to address the review committee’s concerns.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to accept the Five-Year Review of the Real Estate and Urban Land Economics M.S. Named Option “Global Real Estate”. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

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