University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate School Academic Planning Council
1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room 52 Bascom Hall
April 20, 2018

MINUTES

Members Present: Caroline Alexander, William Karpus (chair), Michael Graham, Christa Olson, Tracy Schroepfer

Members Absent:

Staff: Lisa Martin, Parmesh Ramanathan, Cassandra Rademaekers, Emily Reynolds

Guests: Zach Olson

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order.

Introduction:
The minutes from the February 16, 2018, GSAPC meeting were approved.

Discussion Items:

1. Associate Dean Lisa Martin led a discussion on the reviews of the SciMed Graduate Research Scholars and Graduate Engineering Research Scholars (GERS) Community; there are eight total communities that underwent review with these being the first two. Dean Karpus explained that the purpose of the reviews was to examine if the various Graduate Research Scholars (GRS) communities were distributed appropriately, if there was appropriate staffing and support for the communities, and if the allocations of Advanced Opportunity Fellowships (AOF) from the Graduate School made sense. Associate Dean Martin reported that faculty are appreciative of the degree of diversity in both race and gender that the GRS communities bring. Both communities are very well regarded by the students in them as well as the schools/colleges.

2. Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan led a discussion on the three-year check-in process for all new programs.

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