University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate School Academic Planning Council
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Room 52 Bascom Hall
May 26, 2017

MINUTES

Members Present: William Karpus (chair), Caroline Alexander, Cynthia Czajkowski, Mary Louise Gomez, José Pincheira, Fernando Tejedo-Herrera

Staff: Marty Gustafson, Lisa Martin, Parmesh Ramanathan

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order.

Introduction:
The minutes from the March 17, 2017 GSAPC meeting were approved.

Approvals:
1. Assistant Dean Marty Gustafson introduced a request to discontinue all unused graduate Academic Plan codes associated with a cross-college Degree/Major except for the Academic Plan code that represents a program’s primary School/College. These codes were created for programs to track students by the school/college home of their faculty advisor, but are no longer used or desired.

Motion: Moved and seconded to discontinue the academic plan codes for cross-college graduate programs. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:
1. Dean Karpus introduced a discussion on different methods for programs to provide annual progress to degree feedback for students. The Graduate School is currently surveying graduate programs to determine if a requirement for an annual progress report would be feasible.

2. Dean Karpus introduced a discussion on the inclusion of a lay abstract or chapter as part of a dissertation. The committee discussed multiple benefits and methods of producing such a document. The Graduate School will survey graduate programs to see where a requirement for a lay abstract or chapter is in place.

3. Assistant Dean Marty Gustafson provided an update on the graduate program profiles redesign project and shared examples of the new data visualizations.

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