University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate School Academic Planning Council
2:00 – 3:00 P.M., Room 52 Bascom Hall
February 16, 2018

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Kirsten Wolf (on sabbatical)

Staff: Marty Gustafson, Lisa Martin, Parmesh Ramanathan, Emily Reynolds

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order.

Introduction:
The minutes from the October 18, 2017, GSAPC meeting were approved.

Discussion Items:

1. Dean Karpus led a discussion on the proposed annual assessment and feedback on progress toward degree for doctoral students policy. General consensus has been that improving annual assessment and feedback of students is an admirable goal, but implementing a mechanized structure to track student progress across the wide variety of programs on campus could be difficult due to issues like administrative burden, program autonomy, and variable academic tracks within programs. The committee suggested the Graduate School develop a few broad principles and then give programs flexibility and autonomy to write their own implementation plans.

2. Dean Karpus led a discussion on graduate student funding guarantees. Being able to make five-year guarantees would make UW-Madison more competitive with peers. Consensus is that the next steps in addressing this goal should involve the deans of schools/colleges.

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