University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate School Academic Planning Council
1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room 52 Bascom Hall
May 18, 2018

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Mike Graham

Staff: Lisa Martin, LaRuth McAfee, Emily Reynolds

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order.

Introduction:
The minutes from the April 20, 2018, GSAPC meeting were approved.

Discussion Items:

1. Associate Dean Lisa Martin led a discussion on the reviews of the L&S Community of Graduate Research Scholars (L&S C-GRS), Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies GRS, Wisconsin School of Business GRS, School of Nursing GRS, School of Human Ecology GRS, and School of Education GRS (Ed-GRS); this is a continuation of the discussion from April that examined the SciMed Graduate Research Scholars and Graduate Engineering Research Scholars Community.

Associate Dean Martin reported that Graduate School recommendations are to increase interaction among the communities and to work with academic deans to clarify GRS expectations. She also suggested the Graduate School follow up with students in the communities with a focus group or other effort, and that an Executive Committee made up of members of the Faculty Advisory Boards be formed. Some issues are at a campus level, including considering how lack of faculty diversity in many parts of campus impacts graduate students and rethinking recruiting practices, including recruitment fund allocation.

Assistant Dean for Diversity, Inclusion and Funding LaRuth McAfee noted that programming efforts aimed at faculty may help create a larger cultural change that will greater benefit students than only focusing on student programmatic efforts.

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