University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate Faculty Executive Committee
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Room 334 Bascom Hall
April 13, 2012

MINUTES

Members Present: Martin Cadwallader, Steve Ackerman, Michael Bell, Susan Cook, Norman Drinkwater, Jan Greenberg, Ron Kalil, Gloria Mari-Beffa, Donna Paulnock, Pamela Potter, Stephen Quintana, Paul Sacaridiz, James Schauer, Larry Shapiro, Kevin Shinners, Marc Silberman, Susan Thibeault

Members Absent: Parameswaran Ramanathan, John Sharpless, Kenneth Sytsma, David Weimer

Guests: Aaron Brower, Jan Edwards, Chip Hunter, Steve Malpezzi, Jocelyn Milner, Jeff Russell

Staff: Eileen Callahan, Wendy Crone, Steve Hahn, Jennifer Martin, Linda Scholl

Dean Martin Cadwallader called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

The minutes of March 9, 2012 were approved as written.

Approvals:

1. Associate Dean Donna Paulnock and Jan Edwards from Communicative Disorders introduced the request to approve the capstone certificate in Communication Sciences and Disorders. The capstone certificate is intended to provide a more structured curriculum and advising to post-baccalaureate students who may wish to further pursue the Communicative Sciences and Disorders field. The GFEC is looking forward to hearing about the new capstone’s progress over the next several years.

   Action: Moved and seconded to approve the capstone certificate in Communication Sciences and Disorders. The motion passed with 14 votes for and 3 abstentions.

2. Interim Associate Dean Jan Greenberg, Chip Hunter from the School of Business, and Steve Malpezzi from the School of Business introduced the request to add the Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance (SAIF) at the Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) as a partner institution to named option “Global Real Estate Master (GREM)” in the Master of Science in Business: Real Estate and Urban Land Economics. Hunter and Malpezzi informed the GFEC that this new partnership will help achieve the goals of promoting global competence and the study of China among UW-Madison MBA students, and that the new partnership is important in achieving optimal GREM class size.

   Action: Moved and seconded to approve the request to add the Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance (SAIF) at the Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) as a partner institution to the named option “Global Real
Estate Master (GREM)” in the Master of Science in Business: Real Estate and Urban Land Economics. The motion was passed unanimously.

Information Items:

1. Associate Vice Chancellor Aaron Brower, Dean of the Division of Continuing Studies Jeffrey Russell, and Director of Academic Planning and Analysis Jocelyn Milner introduced a discussion on Educational Innovation and Graduate Education. Educational Innovation is a charge led by Interim Chancellor David Ward asking campus to be creative in increasing access to education through initiatives like distance education, flexible class offerings, and accelerated/compressed offerings. Typically, Educational Innovation proposals are revenue-generating, and would allow for a portion of the increased revenues to cycle back into the home department. Brower asked the GFEC to anticipate how Educational Innovation might shape the types of graduate-level initiatives seeking approval from GFEC. Dean Cadwallader noted that the GFEC will continue to ensure quality in graduate programs, including Educational Innovation proposals.

2. The informational item “Named Options Overview” was postponed until the May 11, 2012 GFEC meeting.

Program Reviews:

1. Interim Associate Dean Steve Ackerman and GFEC member Gloria Mari-Beffa introduced the Institutional (10-Year) Reviews of the MS/PhD in Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics and of the MS/PhD in Engineering Mechanics. Addressed were the programs’ highly collegial department, excellent national ratings, and high level of extramural funding. Also discussed were the programs’ lack of student grievance procedures, students’ perceptions of unwritten expectations, and a low percentage of female and minority students and faculty members. The GFEC commends the programs on their excellence, and requests that in order to maintain their high standards of success that they address the review committee’s issues and concerns.

   Action: Moved and seconded to accept the review of the Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics MS/PhD and Engineering Mechanics MS/PhD programs, with a request the program address the review committee’s recommendations in a written memo to GFEC by the Fall 2012 semester. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Interim Associate Dean Jan Greenberg and GFEC member Michael Bell introduced the Institutional (10-Year) Review of the PhD in Nursing. Addressed were the program’s strengths, including high level of external research grants and good NRC rankings. Also discussed were the review committee’s concerns, including PhD recruitment, curricular issues, and a need to seek synergies between the DNP and PhD in Nursing. The GFEC commends the program on its excellence, and asks the program explore the review committee issues and concerns.

   Action: Moved and seconded to accept the review of the Nursing PhD, with a request the program address the review committee’s recommendations by the Spring 2013 semester. The motion was passed unanimously.