University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Graduate School Academic Planning Council  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m., via Zoom  
November 20, 2020

MINUTES

Members Present:  William Karpus (chair), Laura Collier, Florence Hsia, Steffen Lempp, Lisa Martin, Parmesh Ramanathan, Gail Robertson, Christopher Walker

Members Absent:  Earlise Ward

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order

Consent Agenda
Minutes from the October 16, 2020 GSAPC meeting were approved unanimously.

Discussion Items

Graduate Student Experience Survey Results
Parmesh Ramanathan presented a summary of the results of the Graduate Student Fall2020 Experience Survey. The goal of the survey was to identify challenges to making academic progress graduate students are facing due to the pandemic. This information will be used to identify changes needed for the spring semester.

No action sought.

Policy on Minor/Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training
Parmesh Ramanathan led a discussion on the current policy on minor/breadth requirements. The most common way to satisfy requirements is through PhD minor. PhD minor and graduate certificates have the same requirements for many programs. The committee discussed advantages and disadvantages of modifying the policy to allow graduate certificates to satisfy breadth requirements.

No action sought.

Adjournment
Meeting adjourned by Dean Karpus