University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate School Academic Planning Council
1:30 – 2:30 p.m., via Zoom
January 15, 2021

MINUTES

Members Present: William Karpus (chair), Lara 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 November 20, 2020 GSAPC meeting were approved unanimously.

Discussion Items

Proposed Revisions for Policy on Minor/Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training

Jenna Alsteen, Assistant Dean for Academic Planning, Analysis and Assessment, presented proposed revisions to the policy. The revised policy acknowledges the availability of more graduate professional certificates and allows an additional option in the policy for students to meet breadth requirements with graduate/professional certificates.

GSAPC members recommend moving the policy revisions forward to the GFEC for approval.

Use of Doctoral Exit Survey Results

Dean Karpus led a discussion on expanding the use of survey data. PhD students currently complete graduate student experience exit surveys. The Graduate School collects and publishes data, which is used by program review committees. The Graduate School is building data visualizations and would like to explore how else the data can be used to improve graduate education. As new data visualizations become available, GSAPC members can explore data and discuss use of the data further. Consensus is to provide more active communication to programs regarding the availability of the data.