University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Room 52 Bascom Hall
March 8, 2019

MINUTES


Members Absent: John Pfotenhauer, Tracy Schroepfer, Bret Shaw

Guests: Mike Graham, James Keck, Rob Lemanske, Christine Sorkness, Enno Siemsen, Andrea Poehling, Elaine Klein, Nicole Wiessinger, Jordon Tong

Staff: Judy Bauman, Amy Bergholz, Eileen Callahan, Elena Hsu, Amy Kuether, LaRuth McAfee, A.J. Meinig, Emily Reynolds, Christopher Yue

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order.

1. The minutes of February 8, 2019 were approved as a matter of automatic consent.

Approvals:

2. Dean Karpus introduced James Keck, Rob Lemanske and Christine Sorkness from the School of Medicine and Public Health, who presented a Notice of Intent to establish a Master of Science in Clinical and Health Informatics in the School of Medicine and Public Health. The 131 program is a multidisciplinary approach to improve decision making efforts in healthcare industry. The DCS has researched demand for the course and has determined there is a high demand. GFEC discussion included the demand for the program, oversight of program and faculty load.

   Motion: Moved and seconded to approve the Notice of Intent to proceed with the planning and development of a new Master of Science in Clinical and Health Informatics in the School of Medicine and Public Health. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. Dean Karpus introduced Enno Siemsen from the School of Business, who presented a Notice of Intent to establish a Master of Science in Business Analytics in the School of Business. It is responsive to growing needs for the program that many Universities are already offering. Enno responded to questions regarding overlap with other programs and prerequisites for admission.

   Motion: Moved and seconded to approve the Notice of Intent to proceed with the planning and development of a new Master of Science in Business Analytics in the School of Business. The motion was passed unanimously.

Program Reviews:

4. GFEC member Lara Collier presented the Institutional 10-year Program Review of Biotechnology Master of Science. Professor Collier noted strengths of the program include a 95% completion rate, strong relationships with local/regional companies, engaged staff and faculty, a strong trainee pool, a sense of community among students, and the amount of hands-on experiences provided.

   Professor Collier discussed review committee recommendations, including monitoring enrollment numbers; consistency in curriculum; providing access to faculty for mentoring; providing alumni profiles
on the website and providing ongoing professional development opportunities. The GFEC had questions regarding evaluation of other faculty participating and the administrative structure of program.

Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional 10-Year Review of the Biotechnology Master of Science. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Former GFEC member Mike Graham presented the Institutional 10-year Program Review of Freshwater and Marine Science MS/PhD. Professor Graham noted strengths of the program include flexibility, the ability to recruit students from a multitude of backgrounds, student satisfaction with experience and preparedness for careers,

Professor Graham discussed review committee recommendations, including developing clear guidelines and timelines for proceeding through the program; the creation of a handbook; development of core integrative courses for students interested in academia; addressing RA rate structure; and a establishing a longer term for the program director. The GFEC expressed some concern regarding diversity initiatives and the relatively small size of the program.

Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional 10-Year Review of the Freshwater and Marine Science MS/PhD. The motion was passed unanimously.

Post-Review Program Responses

6. Associate Dean Ramanathan presented a post-review response to the Statistics Program Review. The response did not address requested diversity initiatives. The GFEC would like a specific response regarding diversity initiatives.

7. Associate Dean Ramanathan presented a post-review response to the Public Affairs/International Public Affairs Program Review, which the Committee found acceptable.

8. Associate Dean Ramanathan presented a post-review response to the Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies Program Review, which the Committee found acceptable.

9. Associate Dean Ramanathan presented a post-review response to the Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies Program Review, The committee would like specific information regarding the program’s attrition rates. Specifically, whether either Classics and/or Hebrew Bible attrition contributed to the lower than expected PhD degree completion.

10. Associate Dean Ramanathan presented a post-review response to the Life Sciences Communication Program Review, which the Committee found acceptable.

11. Associate Dean Ramanathan presented a post-review response to the German, Nordic and Slavic Languages and Literature Program Review, which the Committee found acceptable.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Dean William Karpus