University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Room 52 Bascom Hall
September 13, 2019

MINUTES

Members Present: Christopher Choi, Alex Dressler, Yu Hen Hu, William Karpus, Mark Mandel, Lisa Martin, Beth Meyerand, Christa Olson, Parmesh Ramanathan, Bret Shaw, Leslie Smith III, Shannon Stahl, Scott Straus, Monica Turner, Chris Walker, Earlide Ward

Members Absent: Lara Collier, Steffen Lempp, Steph Tai

Guests: Sharon Gartland, Ankur Desai, Karen Wassarman, Alfred Hartemink, Ed Boswell, Neeraj Arora, Kristin Branch, Nicole Perna

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

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order.

Informational Items

1. Dean Karpus led introductions and presented the GFEC overview and charge. New GFEC members beginning terms in the 2019-2020 academic year include Christopher Choi, Beth Meyerand, and Scott Straus. Mark Mandel will serve as a substitute for a GFEC member on sabbatical.

2. Graduate School Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan presented a summary of the Career Pathways Data Brief. The data gives insight into UW-Madison PhD graduates’ career aspirations and early career employment outcomes.

Automatic Consent

3. a. The minutes of May 10, 2019 were approved as a matter of automatic consent.

b. Extension of Graduate Faculty Status for Professor Max Lagally, Department of Material Science and Engineering, was approved through June 30, 2020 as a matter of automatic consent.

Approvals:

4. Dean Karpus introduced Clinical Professor Sharon Gartland from the Department of Kinesiology, who presented a request to suspend admissions to the Occupational Therapy MS effective Summer 2020. Suspension allows time to prepare curriculum for new program standards. The goal is to admit students again in 2021.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve a request to suspend admissions to the Occupational Therapy MS effective Summer 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Ankur Desai from the department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, who presented a request to approve a new Named Option “Professional Program” in the MS Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences effective Fall 2020. This option will prepare students for professional careers in weather and climate forecasting, technical data and risk analytics, and scientific communication. Desai addressed GFEC questions regarding internship programs, length of program, and size of program.

   **Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve a new named Option “Professional Program” in the MS Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences effective Fall 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Ankur Desai from the department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, who presented a request to approve a new Named Option “Research Program” in the MS Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences effective Fall 2020. This option allows traditional thesis program students to be admitted to the program through the Named Option rather than the Program.

   **Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve a new named Option “Research Program” in the MS Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences effective Fall 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Dean Karpus introduced Assistant Faculty Associate Ed Boswell and Professor Alfred Hartemink from the Department of Soil Science and Associate Dean and Professor Karen Wassarman from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, who presented a request to approve a Notice of Intent to plan a new degree, MS Environmental Remediation and Management. The program addresses a national market demand for master’s students to fill positions in the field. The program intertwines sciences, project management, and scientific communication skills. It will be housed in the Department of Soil Sciences. Boswell addressed GFEC questions regarding statistics course requirements and faculty resources.

   **Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve a Notice of Intent to plan a new degree, MS Environmental Remediation and Management. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Neeraj Arora and Faculty Associate Kristin Branch from the School of Business, who presented a request to rename the Marketing MBA named option “Market Research” to “Marketing Analytics and Insights” effective Fall 2020. The change updates the degree name to be more current with terms used in the industry. Recommendation for the change comes from input from industry. Current students will continue under the current name consistent with their degree plan.

   **Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve renaming the Marketing MBA named option “Market Research” to “Marketing Analytics and Insights” effective Fall 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

**Three-Year Check Ins**

9. Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan presented the three-year check in of the Nurse Educator Capstone Certificate (The meeting agenda incorrectly listed it as a “Graduate/Professional” Certificate. A modification was made to the minutes for clarification). Enrollment rates have not yet reached desired level. Program will pursue additional marketing efforts. The GFEC expressed concern with lack of enrollment.
10. Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan presented the three-year check in for the MS Statistics Named Option “Data Science”

**Program Reviews**

11. Former GFEC member Professor Nicole Perna, presented the Institutional 10-Year Program Review of the MS/PhD/PhD Minor in Plant Pathology in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Perna noted strengths of the program include high recognition and placement rates nation-wide, student diversity, extensive and high-quality courses, engaged faculty, positive climate, high morale, professional development opportunities, and investment in graduate programs by their departments.

Perna discussed committee recommendations, including balancing enrollment levels with available funding, increasing student access to information regarding requirements and process, shortening time to degree by accelerating time to prelim. and addressing poor shape of facilities.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional 10-Year Review of the MS/PhD/PhD Minor in Plant Pathology in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned by Dean William Karpus.