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

M I N U T E S  


Members Absent: Lara Collier, Alex Dressler, Mark Mandel  

Guests: Andrew Winterstein, Carolyn Kelley, Jim Wollack, Kate Eklund, Ananth Seshadri, Eric Buxton, Charles Lauhon, David Brown  

Staff: Jenna Alsteen, Judy Bauman, Amy Bergholz, Eileen Callahan, Elena Hsu, LaRuth McAfee, AJ Meinig, Emily Reynolds, Madeline Sena, Nick Sigmund  

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order.  

Automatic Consent  

1. The following items were approved as a matter of automatic consent:  
   a. Minutes of November 8, 2019  
   b. Two-year extension of active Graduate Faculty status for English Professor Susan Stanford Friedman.  

Approvals:  

2. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Andrew Winterstein and Senior Associate Dean Carolyn Kelley who presented a request to approve a new degree, MS in Athletic Training, effective Summer 2021. The new degree replaces the existing BS in Athletic Training in response to changing national accreditation standards and student demand. The last enrolled BS candidate will graduate May 2021. Winterstein and Kelley responded to GFEC questions regarding the graduate handbook and student funding.  

   Motion: Moved and seconded to approve a new degree, MS in Athletic Training, effective Summer 2021. The motion passed unanimously.  

3. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Jim Wollack and Assistant Professor Katie Eklund who presented a request to approve a Notice of Intent to plan a new degree, EdS in School Psychology. The specialist degree program is needed to meet licensure requirements at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and to align with other UW System institution programs.  

   Motion: Moved and seconded to approve a Notice of Intent to plan a new degree, EdS in School Psychology. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Ananth Seshadri and Professor David Brown, who presented a request to approve a Notice of Intent to plan a new degree, MS in Financial Economics. The interdepartmental program with the Department of Economics and Department of Finance will satisfy the demand for quantitative analysis skills in various areas of financial economics. Professor Seshadri Responded to GFEC questions regarding faculty resources.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve a notice of intent to plan a new degree, MS in Financial Economics. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Dean Karpus introduced Clinical Associate Professor Eric Buxton and Associate Dean Charles Lauhon who presented a request to approve two named options in MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences effective Fall 2020.

a. Applied Drug Development
b. Research

The "Applied Drug Development" Named Option is an accelerated distance-delivered, three term program to accommodate students who may be working full time and in response to industry demand. The “Research” Named Option will distinguish the existing MS program from the new “Applied Drug Development” option. Professor Lauhon responded to GFEC questions regarding size of program, admissions process, diversity plan, and advisory support,

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve the MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences Named Option “Applied Drug Development.” The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve the MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences Named Option “Research.” The motion passed unanimously.

6. Dean Karpus introduced Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan who presented requests to discontinue the following programs:
- ME in Engineering Named Option Technical Japanese, effective Fall 2021
- Graduate Certificate in Transportation Management and Policy, effective Fall 2020
- Doctoral Minor in Air Resources Management, effective Fall 2020

The programs do not currently have students or faculty members.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve a request to discontinue the ME in Engineering Named Option “Technical Japanese”, effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve a request to discontinue the Graduate Certificate in “Transportation Management and Policy,” effective Fall 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve a request to discontinue the Doctoral Minor in “Air Resources Management,” effective Fall 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
Program Review

7. GFEC member Professor Steph Tai presented the Institutional 10-Year Program Review of the MS Environmental Conservation (EC) in the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. Tai noted strengths of the program include the sustainable size of the program with 25 admits per year, internships, success with project partners, high post-graduate placement levels (nearly 100% within six months of graduation), and highly dedicated staff.

The review committee recommendations include the development of a governance structure, including a strategic succession plan for the program chair, terms for members of the program committee recruitment of new members and review of programmatic development. Strengthening advising communication is recommended, along with review of summer introductory and grant-writing courses, developing a plan for increasing faculty involvement campus-wide, integration of the EC program across campus, and broadening the appeal of the program to a more diverse community of US students.

Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional 10-Year Review of the MS Environmental Conservation Program in the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. The motion passed unanimously.

Program Review Responses

8. Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan presented a program response to the MS Pharmacy Program Review. The response detailed plans to increase diversity and hiring quality faculty.

9. Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan presented a program response to the MS Pharmaceutical Sciences Program Review. GFEC members requested Graduate School leadership to read the program review committee report and see whether the program’s response for Enhancing teacher training to support teaching assistants was satisfactory.

10. Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan presented a program response to the MA/MS/PhD/Doctoral Minor in Anthropology Program Review. The response addressed their approach to multi-year funding guarantees. There was discussion on the impact of multi-year funding guarantees on the programs and GFEC members requested Graduate School leadership to look into creating policies for providing financial backstops to multi-year guarantees.

No action sought.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Dean William Karpus.