MINUTES

Members Present: Chris Choi, Lara Collier, Alex Dressler, Florence Hsia, Yu Hen Hu, William Karpus, Steffen Lempp, Mark Mandel, Lisa Martin, Beth Meyerand, Christa Olson, Parmesh Ramanathan, Sissel Schroeder, Bret Shaw, Leslie Smith III, Scott Straus, Monica Turner

Members Absent: Shannon Stahl, Earlise Ward, Chris Walker

Guests: Andrea Strzelec, Enno Siemsen, Daniel Bauer

Staff: Jenna Alsteen, Judy Bauman, Amy Bergholz, Eileen Callahan, AJ Meinig, Emily Reynolds, Madeline Sena, Christopher Yue

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 February 14, 2020

Approvals:

2. Dean Karpus introduced Assistant Faculty Associate Andrea Strzelec who presented a request to approve a new Master of Engineering (ME) Named Option “Engineering: Polymer Engineering” effective Fall 2020. This is replacing the Mechanical Engineering Polymer Science program which is being transitioned to the College of Engineering.

   Motion: Moved and seconded to approve a new Master of Engineering (ME) Named Option “Engineering: Polymer Engineering” effective Fall 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Dean Karpus introduced Assistant Faculty Associate Andrea Strzelec who presented a request to suspend admissions to Master of Engineering (ME) Named Option “Mechanical Engineering: Polymer Science” effective Fall 2020. This program is transitioning out of Mechanical Engineering and into the College of Engineering.

   Motion: Amend the motion to include discontinuation of the program effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

   Motion: Moved and seconded to suspend admissions to Master of Engineering (ME) Named Option “Mechanical Engineering: Polymer Science” effective Fall 2020 and to discontinue the program effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Dean Karpus introduced Assistant Faculty Associate Andrea Strzelec who presented a request to suspend admissions to Master of Engineering (ME) in Mechanical Engineering
effective Fall 2020. After discontinuing the program’s named options, there are no programs remaining within the Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering.

**Motion: Amend the motion to include discontinuation of the program effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion: Moved and seconded to suspend admissions to Master of Engineering (ME) in Mechanical Engineering effective Fall 2020 and discontinue the program effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. Dean Karpus introduced Assistant Faculty Associate Andrea Strzelec who presented a request to approve a Capstone Certificate in Polymer Processing & Manufacturing in the College of Engineering effective Fall 2020. The capstone certificate is an enhancement to further strengthen the existing program.

**Motion: Moved and seconded to approve Capstone Certificate in Polymer Processing & Manufacturing in the College of Engineering effective Fall 2020. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. Dean Karpus introduced Associate Dean Enno Siemsen and Associate Professor Daniel Bauer, who presented a request to approve a New Degree Master of Science in Business: Analytics effective Summer 2021. This exists as a named option and will eventually transition to a stand-alone degree. Siemsen responded to GFEC questions regarding the recruitment of diverse populations. The diversity strategy will include marketing and recruitment of more domestic students.

**Motion: Moved and seconded to approve a new degree Master of Science in Business: Analytics effective Summer 2021. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Program Review**

7. GFEC member Professor Christa Olson presented the Institutional 10-Year Program Review of the Communication Sciences and Disorders Capstone Certificate. Olson noted the strengths of the program include the high quality of the program, face-to-face academic experience and a high percentage of participants are admitted to graduate school.

The review committee recommendations include promoting the certificate to compete with the increased offerings from other universities, sharing information about work-study jobs available, and doing more to differentiate the capstone from the undergraduate program. Olson responded to questions regarding the level of coursework and funding.

**Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional 10-Year Review of the Communication Sciences and Disorders Capstone Certificate. The motion passed unanimously.**

8. GFEC member Professor Steph Tai presented the Institutional 10-Year Program Review of the MS Agroecology. Tai noted the strengths of the program include attraction and retention of high quality students that attain successful careers in the field, a supportive environment for interdisciplinary research and practice, a growing interest and increased demand in the field, and UW-Madison offers one of the few programs in the US. The program also excels in professional development.
The review committee recommendations include initiatives to expand diversity, assessing the impact of reliance on GRE scores, identifying potential funding sources for students in the Public Practice Track, and finding devoted space for the program.

**Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional 10-Year Review of the MS Agroecology** The motion passed unanimously.

9. GFEC member Professor Steffen Lempp presented the Institutional 10-Year Program Review of the Comparative Biomedical Sciences MS and PhD. Lempp noted the strengths of the program include strong leadership, high level of program flexibility, average time to PhD in under 5 years,

The review committee recommendations include consistent administration of handbook guidelines, standardizing a process for students to rotate labs, creating a specific strategy to address minority representation, and increasing cohesiveness within the program.

**Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional 10-Year Review of the Comparative Biomedical Sciences MS and PhD.** The motion passed unanimously.

10. GFEC member Professor Steffen Lempp presented the Institutional 10-Year Program Review of the Biometry MS. Lempp noted the strengths of the program include the added value provided by the CALS Statistical Consulting Facility to research expertise.

The review committee recommendations include expanding the size of the program through advertising and an increase in the number of faculty, efforts to expand diversity, expanding the program to non-biology statistical consulting, and expanding the Statistical Consulting Facility to serve even more clients on a fee basis.

**Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional 10-Year Review of the Biometry MS.** The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned by Dean William Karpus.