University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Graduate Faculty Executive Committee Meeting  
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Online Webex Meeting  
April 10, 2020

M I N U T E S


Members Absent: Alex Dressler, Mark Mandel

Guests: Kristin Eschenfelder, Elaine Klein, Michelle Chui, Sharon Gartland, Christy Remucal, Andrea Strzelec, Eric Buxton, Kent Weigel

Staff: Jenna Alsteen, Amy Bergholz, Eileen Callahan, Meghan Chua, Alissa Ewer, Kirby Livingston, Emily Reynolds, Madeline Sena, Nick Sigmund, 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 March 13, 2020
   b. One-year extension of active Graduate Faculty status for Geoscience Emeritus Professor John Valley.

Approvals:

2. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Kristin Eschenfelder who presented a request to approve a new Degree Master of Science in Information effective Fall 2021. Online program complements existing professional degrees in the information School and provides access to a wider group of students. Eschenfelder responded to questions regarding admissions.

   Motion: Moved and seconded to approve a new Degree, Master of Science in Information effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Kristin Eschenfelder who presented a request to approve new Named Option “Online Program” in the Master of Science in Information effective Fall 2021. Allows students to select the program that works best for them.

   Motion: Moved and seconded to approve new Named Option “Online Program” in the Master of Science in Information effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Kristin Eschenfelder who presented a request to new Named Option “Campus Program” in the Master of Science in Information effective Fall 2021. Allows students to select the program that works best for them.
Motion: Moved and seconded to approve new Named Option “Campus Program” in the Master of Science in Information effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Dean Karpus introduced Associate Dean Elaine Klein who presented a request to change Master of Arts in Physics from admitting to non-admitting effective Fall 2020. This change creates alignment with current practice.

Motion: Moved and seconded to change Master of Arts in Physics from admitting to non-admitting effective Fall 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Dean Karpus introduced Associate Professor Michelle Chui, who presented a request to change Master of Science in Health Services Research in Pharmacy from admitting to non-admitting effective Fall 2020. The change will reduce confusion and better align with the other school research-based programs.

Motion: Moved and seconded to change Master of Science in Health Services Research in Pharmacy from admitting to non-admitting effective Fall 2020. The motion passed unanimously, with one technical abstention.

7. Dean Karpus introduced Clinical Professor Sharon Garland, who presented a request to approve new Named Option “Entry Level” in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy effective Summer 2021. This moves program into alignment with the profession, and peer institutions. Garland responded to questions regarding admissions and a blended program.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve new Named Option “Entry Level” in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy effective Summer 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Dean Karpus introduced Clinical Professor Sharon Garland, who presented a request to approve new Named Option “Post-Professional” in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy effective Summer 2021. This moves program into alignment with the profession, and peer institutions.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve new Named Option “Post-Professional” in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy effective Summer 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Dean Karpus introduced Associate Professor Christina Remucal, who presented a request to approve new Named Option “Professional” in the Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering effective Fall 2021. Consolidates numerous named options into a single master’s program with various tracks. This is consistent with peer institution programs and makes it easier to administer and advise students.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve new Named Option “Professional” in the Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Dean Karpus introduced Associate Professor Christina Remucal, who presented a request to suspend admissions effective Fall 2021 and discontinue effective Fall 2022 the following
Named Options in the Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering. This action is needed to transition to a single master’s program.

- Construction Engineering and Management
- Environmental Science and Engineering
- Geological/Geotechnical Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Transportation Engineering
- Water Resources Engineering

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to suspend admissions effective Fall 2021 and discontinue effective Fall 2022 the following Named Options in the Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Dean Karpus introduced Assistant Faculty Associate Andrea Strzelec, who presented a request to suspend admissions effective Fall 2020 and discontinue effective Fall 2021, the Capstone Certificate in Foundations of Professional Development. There has been little interest in the program over the past three years and no applications in the past year.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to suspend admissions effective Fall 2020 and discontinue effective Fall 2021, the Capstone Certificate in Foundations of Professional Development. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Dean Karpus introduced Clinical Associate Professor Eric Buxton, who presented a request to approve new Capstone Certificate in Applied Drug Development effective Fall 2020. The capstone is targeted to students already employed but interested in exploring further study in the field. Courses completed in the capstone program can be applied to the master’s degree program.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve new Capstone Certificate in Applied Drug Development effective Fall 2020. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

13. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Kent Weigel, who presented a request to change the academic homes of the following programs to the Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences due to the merger of the Department of Animal Sciences and the Department of Dairy Science effective Fall 2020.

- MS in Dairy Science
- PhD in Dairy Science
- Doctoral Minor in Dairy Science
- MS in Animal Sciences
- PhD in Animal Sciences
- Doctoral Minor in Animal Sciences

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to change the academic homes of the above programs to the Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences effective Fall 2020. The motion passed unanimously.
Program Review

14. GFEC member Associate Professor Christa Olson presented the Institutional 10-Year Program Review of the Communication Sciences and Disorders MS, PhD and Audiology AuD. Olson noted the strengths of the program include collegial climate, undergraduate advising, the strong reputation of the MS-SLP program, and very high student placement rate.

The review committee recommendations include investment in recruitment of a diverse population, enhanced communication through transition, ongoing review of new advising structure, simplification of graduate school orientation, and increasing clinical and academic faculty. GFEC members also discussed the review committee’s suggestion that the current consortium agreement with UW-Stevens Point may be a weakness of the program that impacts its viability. GFEC members noted the recommendation of L&S Dean’s office to further study the impact of not continuing the consortium agreement with UW-Stevens Point.

Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional 10-Year Review of the Communication Sciences and Disorders MS, PhD and Audiology AuD. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Dean William Karpus.