University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, via Zoom
January 8, 2021

M I N U T E S


Members Absent: Kevin Black, Chris Choi, Alex Dressler, Yu Hen Hu, Steffen Lemp, Gail Robertson, Earlise Ward

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order.

Automatic Consent

1. The following items were approved as a matter of automatic consent:
   a. Minutes from December 11, 2020

   Motion: Moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda items. The motion passed unanimously.

Approvals:

2. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Elizabeth Petty and Professor Emeritus Christopher Olsen who presented a request to approve Graduate/Professional Certificate in Global Health Online effective Fall 2021. The in-person format was not meeting needs of professional learners. The addition of an online program is needed to compete with other institutions.

   Motion: Moved and seconded to approve Graduate/Professional Certificate in Global Health Online effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Elizabeth Petty and Professor Emeritus Christopher Olsen who presented a request to approve Capstone Certificate in Global Health Online effective Fall 2021. An online format allows more learners to access the program and receive training in global health issues. Olsen and Petty responded to GFEC questions about overlap with the in-person certificate and diversity recruitment strategies.

   Motion: Moved and seconded to approve Capstone Certificate in Global Health Online effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Elizabeth Petty who presented a request to suspend admissions effective Fall 2021 and discontinue effective Summer 2024, the Capstone Certificate in Global Health. The in-person program will be phased out in conjunction with the introduction of the online program.

   Motion: Moved and seconded to suspend admissions effective Fall 2021 and discontinue effective Summer 2024, the Capstone Certificate in Global Health. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Dean Karpus introduced Clinical Associate Professor Eric Buxton and Associate Professor Chuck Lauhon who presented a request to approve new Named Option “Psychoactive Pharmaceutical Investigation” in the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Science effective Fall 2021. The interdisciplinary program will be first program of its kind as new mental health drug treatments are investigated. Buxton and Lauhon responded to GFEC questions regarding recruitment of a diverse student population.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve new Named Option “Psychoactive Pharmaceutical Investigation” in the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Science effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously with one technical abstention.

6. Dean Karpus introduced Clinical Associate Professor Eric Buxton and Associate Professor Chuck Lauhon who presented a request to approve Capstone Certificate Psychoactive Pharmaceutical Investigation effective Fall 2021. This meets the need for students to study content without fulfilling a master’s degree.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve Capstone Certificate Psychoactive Pharmaceutical Investigation effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously with one technical abstention.

7. Dean Karpus introduced Professors Julie Mead and Jim Wollack who presented a request for a substantial redirect (>50% curriculum change) of the Named Option “Professional Educator” in the Master of Science in Educational Psychology effective Fall 2021. The changes add more emphasis on instructional coaching.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve a substantial redirect (>50% curriculum change) of the Named Option “Professional Educator” in the Master of Science in Educational Psychology effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

3-Year Check-ins

8. GFEC member Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan presented the 3-Year check-in report for the Capstone Certificate in User Experience Design. Overall, the program is successful and has healthy enrollment.

No action sought.

Discussion

9. Dean Karpus led a discussion regarding GFEC term lengths. GFEC member terms are four years, while most other governance committee commitments are three years in length. Looking for GFEC member feedback regarding whether the four-year commitment is a barrier to attracting new members. GFEC member consensus is that four-year terms make sense due to a large learning curve in year one before members are assigned to review committees in years 2-4. The provision of substitutes when members are on sabbatical also supports the viability of a four-year commitment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Dean William Karpus.