
Members Absent: Kevin Black, Alex Dressler, Mark Mandel, Donna Neumann, Julie Poehlmann-Tynen, Chris Walker

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 February 12, 2021

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

Approvals

2. Dean Karpus presented a request to approve additions and modifications to the UW-1200 Policy on Minor/Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training. The revised policy would be effective for students becoming dissertators beginning in Fall 2021. The policy adds the option for the completion of a graduate/professional certificate to satisfy the breadth requirement.

   Motion: Moved and seconded to approve additions and modifications as presented to the UW-1200 Policy on Minor/Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training, effective for students becoming dissertators beginning in Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

3. Dean Karpus introduced Professors Peter Miller and Julie Mead who presented a request to approve new degree Master of Science in Sports Leadership effective Summer 2022. The program is responsive to a growing need for trained leaders in sports programming careers. Miller and Mead responded to questions surrounding teaching loads and diversity in faculty and recruitment efforts.

   Motion: Moved and seconded to approve the new degree Master of Science in Sports Leadership effective Summer 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Ellen Damschen who presented a request to change the program name “Zoology” to “Integrative Biology” for the Master of Science, PhD, and Doctoral Minor effective Fall 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the program’s mission and reduces confusion between the department and program name. It is also
consistent with peer institutions and increases competitiveness for students in the job market.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve changing the program name “Zoology” to “Integrative Biology” for the Master of Science, PhD, and Doctoral Minor effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

5. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Bill Provencher who presented a request to suspend and discontinue the Named Option “Resource and Energy demand Analysis” in the Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics effective Fall 2021. The program has not been able to sustain itself financially. Enrollment declined further when a tuition increase was implemented.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve the request to suspend and discontinue the Named Option “Resource and Energy demand Analysis” in the Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Dean Karpus introduced Professors Brian Yandell and Karen Wassarman who presented a request to suspend, effective Fall 2021, and discontinue, effective Fall 2023, the Master of Science in Biometry. The program enrollment has been low. A teach-out plan has been developed for students in the program.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve the request to suspend effective Fall 2021 and discontinue effective Fall 2023 the Master of Science in Biometry. The motion passed with one opposition and one abstention.

7. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Jeremy Hutton who presented a request to discontinue the Named Option “Hebrew Bible” in the Master of Arts in Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, effective Fall 2021. Losses in faculty had created the need to implement a teach-out plan for former students.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve the request to discontinue the Named Option “Hebrew Bible” in the Master of Arts in Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

8. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Jeremy Hutton who presented a request to discontinue the Named Option “Hebrew Bible” in the PhD in Classical and Ancient Near Easter Studies effective Fall 2022. There are currently three students in program that anticipate finishing by Summer 2022.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to approve the request to discontinue the Named Option “Hebrew Bible” in the PhD in Classical and Ancient Near Easter Studies effective Fall 2022. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

**Program Reviews:**

9. Former GFEC member Scott Straus presented the Institutional 10-year program review of the Economics MS/PhD/Doctoral Minor. Straus noted strengths of the program include strong satisfaction among students, placement in both private sector and academic positions, commitment to increasing enrollment among women and underrepresented minorities, and outstanding staff.
The review committee recommendations include ongoing commitment to diversify the student pool, development of funding packages, addressing concerns expressed regarding transparency of allocations, and further discussion regarding professional development opportunities.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to accept the 10-Year Program Review of the Economics MS/PhD/Doctoral Minor. The motion passed unanimously.

10. GFEC member Bret Shaw presented the Institutional 10-year program review of the Political Science MA/PhD/Doctoral Minor. Shaw noted strengths of the program include selectiveness of admissions, quality advising, connection between program requirements and learning outcomes, professional development programming, attraction of endowment funding, and high retention rates.

The review committee recommendations include exploring changes to methods requirements, more structured expectations and follow-up to peer mentoring, more feedback on teaching, use of individual development plans, climate improvement and ongoing solicitation of climate feedback, increasing diversity among faculty and increased stipends.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to accept the 10-Year Program Review of the Political Science MA/PhD/Doctoral Minor. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

**Discussion**

11. Associate Dean Lisa Martin’s presentation on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Self-Assessment Summary.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded to postpone the discussion to the April 2021 GFEC meeting due to time. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Dean William Karpus.