University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Zoom
April 9, 2021

MINUTES


Members Absent: Alex Dressler

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 March 12, 2021
   b. Approval of the extension of active Graduate Faculty status for Sociology professors Myra Ferree and Pam Oliver through May of 2022

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

Postponed Business

2. Postponed from the March 12, 2021 meeting due to lack of time. Associate Dean Lisa Martin presented a summary of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Self-Assessment results. In Fall 2020, PhD, MFA and DMA programs were asked to complete a self-assessment of their diversity, equity and inclusion practices. Ninety-one programs/departments responded to the survey. The Graduate School has shared the aggregate results with programs as a resource and is beginning a new discussion series regarding best practices in recruitment.

   No action sought.

Approvals

3. Dean Karpus introduced Associate Dean Susan Zaeske who presented a request to suspend admissions to the Graduate/Professional Certificate in Public Humanities effective Fall 2021. The low-award program is being moved from the Center for the Humanities to an academic unit, yet to be determined, as an administrative home that can better serve the program. As a result, admissions will be suspended while the program is in a state of transition.

   Motion: Moved and seconded to approve the request to suspend admissions to the Graduate/Professional Certificate in Public Humanities effective Fall 2021. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Russ Coff who presented a request to suspend admissions effective Fall 2022 and discontinue effective Fall 2024 the Master of Business Administration: Business: Arts Administration. The program is very specialized, with only one student enrolled in past two years. The existing courses will continue to be offered through an MA program.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve the request to suspend admissions effective Fall 2022 and discontinue effective Fall 2024 the Master of Business Administration: Business: Arts Administration. The motion passed unanimously.

Program Review Responses:

5. GFEC member Associate Dean Lisa Martin summarized the Program Review Response for the Institution for Regional & International Studies.
   a. Southeast Asian Studies MA, Doctoral Minor
   b. Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies MA, Graduate/Professional Certificate, Doctoral Minor
   c. African Studies Graduate/Professional Certificate, Doctoral Minor
   Highlights of the response include enhanced recruitment efforts.
   No action sought

6. GFEC member Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan summarized the Program Review Response for the Master of Engineering in Civil and Environmental Engineering Named Option Environmental Engineering. Highlights of the response include monitoring and assessing career outcomes and student attrition, and the creation of a graduate student handbook specific to the program
   No action sought

7. GFEC member Associate Dean Lisa Martin summarized the Program Review Response for the Capstone Certificates in Clinical Nutrition and Clinical Nutrition-Dietetic Internship. Highlights of the response include update of learning outcomes, action plan to increase enrollment, and enhanced recruitment strategies for a wider range of students.
   No action sought

8. GFEC member Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan summarized the Program Review Response for the Linguistics MA, PhD, and Doctoral Minor. Highlights of the response include a detailed strategy for funding students, addition of a course on Semantics, a course in natural language processing skills, and a succession plan when senior faculty retire.
   No action sought

9. GFEC member Associate Dean Lisa Martin summarized the Program Review Response for the Capstone Certificate in Infant, Early Childhood and Family Mental Health. Highlights of the response include a plan to lower attrition rate, plans for leadership succession, and an innovative diversity plan.
No action sought

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Dean William Karpus.