University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate Faculty Executive Committee
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Room 52 Bascom Hall
September 14, 2018

MINUTES

Members Present: Florence Hsia, Yu Hen Hu, William Karpus, Steffen Lemp, Lisa Martin, Christa Olson, Nicole Perna, Pamela Potter, Parmesh Ramanathan, Gail Robertson, Tracy Schroepfer, John Sharpless, Bret Shaw, Fernando Tejedo, Monica Turner, Chris Walker

Members Absent: Lara Collier, John Pfotenhauer, Shannon Stahl, Steph Tai

Guests: Jake Blanchard, B. Bradford Brown, Lee DeBaillie, Kassem Fawaz, Elaine Klein, Gloria Mari-Beffa, Julie Mead, Joselyn Milner, Gregory Nellis, Barry Van Veen, Gregory Nellis, Sue Zaeske

Staff: Amy Bergholz, Judy Bauman, Katie Block, Rebecca Chapman, Meghan Chua, Alissa Ewer, Elena Hsu, Joshua Morrill, Emily Reynolds

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order.

Introductions:

1. Dean Karpus led introductions and described the GFEC overview and charge. Dean Karpus introduced Associate Vice Chancellor Florence Hsia, who will be serving as a Graduate School Associate Dean and member of GFEC. New GFEC members beginning terms in the 2018-2019 academic year include Chris Walker, Gail Robertson, Shannon Stahl, and Bret Shaw. For the fall semester, Tracy Schroepfer, Fernando Tejedo, Pamela Potter and John Sharpless will serve as substitutes for GFEC members on sabbatical.

2. The minutes of May 11, 2018 were approved as a matter of automatic consent.

Approvals:

1. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Barry Van Veen from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, who presented a request to approve a new Named Option “Professional” in the MS Electrical and Computer Engineering from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering effective Spring 2019. The accelerated 131 program’s proposed option targets a professional body of students not typically served by research-oriented programs, allowing for flexibility to customize their technical emphasis. Van Veen addressed questions regarding student support, faculty advising, and program and credit structure.
Motion: Moved and seconded to approve a new Named Option “Professional” in the MS Electrical Engineering from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering effective Spring 2019. The motion was passed unanimously with 2 abstentions.

2. Dean Karpus introduced Professor Gregory Nellis from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, who presented a request to approve a new Named Option “Research” in the MS Mechanical Engineering from the Department of Mechanical Engineering effective Fall 2019. The addition of this research-based named option clarifies its differentiation from other named options available to Mechanical Engineering students.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve a new Named Option “Research” in the MS Mechanical Engineering from the Department of Mechanical Engineering effective Spring 2019. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. Dean Karpus introduced Professor and Associate Dean Julie Mead, Professor B. Bradford Brown and Associate Professor Craig Albers from the Department of Educational Psychology, who presented a request to approve a new Named Option “Educational Specialist in School Psychology” in the MS Educational Psychology from the Department of Educational Psychology effective Fall 2019. This is a 131 program allowing students an opportunity to be certified for licensure as a school psychologist without completing a PhD by receiving more targeted programming. Licensed school psychologists are in high demand in Wisconsin and nationally. Craig Albers responded to questions regarding licensure requirements, differentiation from school social worker positions, application of GRE scores to program admission, overlap with PhD program, and recruiting underrepresented groups.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve a new Named Option “Educational Specialist in School Psychology” in the MS Educational Psychology from the Department of Educational Psychology effective Fall 2019. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Associate Dean Ramanathan presented a request to approve extension to graduate faculty status for Professor Lyn Turkstra from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Professor Turkstra retired from her position as Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders in July 2017 and accepted an outside offer at the McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

Motion: Moved and seconded to approve extension to graduate faculty status for Professor Lyn Turkstra from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. The motion was passed unanimously.

Program Reviews and Updates:

1. Associate Dean Ramanathan presented an update from the Botany MS/PhD/Doctoral Minor Program Review, which the Committee found acceptable.

2. GFEC member Professor Yu Hen Hu presented the Institutional 10-Year Program Review of MS in Manufacturing Systems Engineering. Hu noted strengths of the program including the development of manufacturing talent for employment within Wisconsin, alignment with national priority area of manufacturing, graduation rate of 86.8%, a placement rate of 95% in
jobs in the industry, high increase in program applicants. Hu discussed review committee
recommendations, including creating a strategic plan, seeking sources of funding, and growing
student diversity. The GFEC expressed some concern that the program is operated by a single
faculty director and would like to hear what plans are in place to ensure continuity of program.

**Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional 10-year Review of the MS in
Manufacturing Systems Engineering. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. Associate Dean Martin presented the Institutional 10-Year Program Review of MA/Doctoral
Minor in Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies. Martin noted strengths of the
interdisciplinary program including focus on research, strong faculty and resource commitment,
thoughtful design of five new curricular tracks, and efforts with the social sciences and natural
sciences. Martin also discussed review committee recommendations, including incorporation of
program requirements into the Guide, monitoring the effect of the new curricular tracks on
enrollment. The Graduate School will check in with the program in three years to look at
enrollment following the curricular changes. The GFEC also wondered if there was potential for
a cluster hire in this area.

**Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional 10-Year Program Review of
MA/Doctoral Minor in Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies. The motion passed
unanimously with 2 abstentions.**

4. GFEC member Professor Christa Olson presented the Institutional 10-Year Program Review of
MA/PhD in Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies with Named Options “Classics” and
“Hebrew Bible” and Doctoral Minors Classics, Greek, Hebrew Bible and Latin. Olson noted the
strengths of the program include faculty commitment to plans for integration and coordination
in the new department and its graduate programs along with robust scholarly training for
students in their respective fields. Recommendations by the committee include streamlining
and clarifying the program requirements and assessment process to students and enhancing
professional development to support students across a range of career goals, commitment of
time and resources to implement changes already on the table, review process for assigning
advisors to new students and clarification on the 35% student attrition as well as the long time
to degree.

**Motion: Moved and seconded to accept the Institutional 10-Year Program Review of MA/PhD
in Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies with Named Options “Classics” and “Hebrew
Bible” and Doctoral Minors Classics, Greek, Hebrew Bible and Latin. The motion passed
unanimously.**

Adjournment

**Motion: Moved and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.**