University Board of Graduate Studies (UBGS)  
February 6, 2020 – 2:30-4:00 p.m.  
Raynor, Lower Level, Conference Room C  

Minutes  

Present: Jill Birren, Ed Blumenthal (chair), Scott D’Urso, Jim Hoelzle, Norah Johnson, Sarah Kizuk, Farrokh Nourzad, Michael O’Hear (secretary), Lars Olson, Paula Papanek, Jeff Starke (vice chair), Peter Staudenmaier,  

Present, non-voting: Lee Hovorka (note taker), Carrie Pruhs, Theresa Tobin, Carl Wainscott, Doug Woods  

Not present: Carrianne Hayslett, Dawei Liu (sabbatical sp 2020)  

I. Call to order. 2:35 pm  
II. Approval of minutes. January 16, 2020 minutes will be approved electronically.  
III. Reports.  

A. Dean of the Graduate School, Doug Woods  

1. The Graduate School Strategic Plan was reviewed at the GS Winter Retreat. Many points were identified to either be changed, removed, or refreshed. These changes will be shared with the DGS’s and UBGS when completed.  

2. The MUWire article regarding student health insurance was misinformed and not accurate. The Graduate School was not given the opportunity to present information about offerings for graduate students. The article did not define correctly what actually is currently available.  

3. The Graduate School is launching an informational website dedicated to health care solutions for graduate students including Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU), the Healthcare Exchange, and health and wellness resources available on campus. The GS is also working with the Dental School to develop a program where students could buy dental services like the health clinic for a nominal fee for basic wellness needs. Marquette does contribute a healthcare stipend of $750 to students on GA fellowships.  

4. During the healthcare listening sessions, there were concerns on both sides. Some students use the stipend for the healthcare exchange and if they were forced to take a healthcare plan from the university, they fear it would be more expensive and provide fewer services. Some suggested forcing students to either prove insurance or take the university insurance in order to get a better rate for the other students who are not in the exchange. This option would require the university to make this decision.  

B. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Student Development, Theresa Tobin - Student Development Updates  

1. The Graduate Student Organization has put in a lot of work on student development professionally in the community and social support, wellness, and issues of diversity and inclusion.
i. First generation WIN series events on time management, grant training and salary negotiations and work life balance.
ii. Counseling partners, generating facilities with the GS for unrepresented schools.
iii. Held several GS social events including the Domes and Art Museum.
iv. Developing a diversity and inclusion gathering for grad students of color.
2. The GSO and ORSP is working on operational and grant budgets.

C. Associate Dean of the Graduate School, Carl Wainscott - Grad Student Week and 3MT Update
   1. Graduate student week is coming up February 17-21st with many fun events.
   2. 3MT first heats being held this week; finalists will go on to the competition Friday February 21st.

IV. Business.
A. Clinical Associate Professor, Nursing, Christine Shaw - Tabled at January 16 Meeting: PSMH-CER (Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certificate) Termination proposal. Christine Shaw presented reasoning behind the termination.
   In the best interest of the department this program sought termination for several reasons. This program was designed as a 21 credit post masters certificate. After leadership changes in the College, this certificate did not have strong support from College leadership. There were no students the first year; after the program director left, a replacement could not be found and no faculty lines available to hire anyone to teach the courses. There were two students enrolled who eventually left the university. Because of the lack of enrollment, the registrar’s office asked the College to terminate the program.
   Discussion: The question was asked if the program could be hibernated rather than terminated. An academic professional review suggested that the College has too many different programs on the books, so the decision was made to terminate.
   Motion made and seconded to terminate the PSMH-CER certificate. A vote was taken with unanimous approval for termination.
B. Associate Professor, Education Policy, Sharon Chubbuck - Call back of EDPL-MA (Educational Policy and Leadership Master of Arts)
   Department representative was not present and will be added to the March 5th agenda.

V. New Business.
A. Executive Director and Assistant Professor of Practice, Engineering, Jeff Starke - Engineering overview: Master’s Across Boundaries (MAB) Graduate Certificates. Guests Dana Cook and Noelle Brigham were present in support of the certificates. Jeff Starke presented the three certificate proposals which are currently under review in the GS, there is one more certificate still in the development process. For detailed information on the following proposed certificates, follow this link to the power point presentation.
   1. Systems Engineering (SYEN)
   2. Machine Learning for Engineering Applications (MLRN)
   3. Renewable Energy Technology and Integration (RETI)
   Overview of the certificates and grant; 4 million would last 5 years which will run out December 2022. Below are the five outcomes.
   1. Engage the working engineer
   2. Meet student and employer needs
3. Develop the student’s technical engineering knowledge and essential professional skills
4. Offer increased flexibility
5. Maintain the academic integrity and strong Jesuit tradition

B. INFORM: SCCN-MA (School Counseling Master of Arts): New ADP specifically for undergraduate Bachelor of Science Educational Studies majors, who are housed in the EDPL Dept. (Informational only - notification of program sent to UBGS on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020)
   No comments

C. INFORM: NRSC-PhD (Neuroscience doctorate): New ADP specifically for undergraduate Bachelor of Science Biomedical Sciences majors. The Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience specialization must be chosen. (Informational only - notification of program sent to UBGS on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020)
   No comments

VI. **Adjourn.** Motion and second to adjourn. Unanimous approval meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

**Scheduled meetings for 2019-20 Academic Year**

- Mar 5, 2020
- Apr 2, 2020
- May 7, 2020