University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate School Academic Planning Council
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Room 53 Bascom Hall
October 7, 2016

MINUTES

Members Present: William Karpus (chair), Caroline Alexander, Cynthia Czajkowski, Mary Louise Gomez, José Pincheira

Members Absent: Fernando Tejedo-Herrera

Guests: Norman Drinkwater

Staff: Marty Gustafson, Daniel Kleinman, Meghan McMackin

Dean William Karpus called the meeting to order.

Introduction:

The minutes from the September 30, 2016 GSAPC meeting were approved as a matter of automatic consent.

Program Review:

1. Associate Dean Daniel Kleinman presented the Ten-Year Review of the Cellular and Molecular Biology M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor. Kleinman noted the program’s strengths, including a well-established governance structure, an available handbook and grievance procedures, effective monitoring of student progress, ongoing professional development, and abundant opportunities for students to network with alumni. Kleinman also discussed the review committee recommendations to identify additional funding support for student rotations, to make students and trainers aware of professional development programs on campus, and to evaluate the program’s move to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education (OVCRGE) over the next few years to ensure adequate support. Dean William Karpus added that the program should consider the effectiveness of its underrepresented minority recruiting practices since its increase in applications has not resulted in increased admissions. If necessary, the program should work to strengthen its underrepresented student enrollment and admissions, specifically by devoting a committee to solving this issue and by working with the Graduate School Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Funding.

Motion: Moved and Seconded to Accept the Institutional (10-Year) Review of the M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor programs in Cellular and Molecular Biology. The motion was passed with 2 for, 0 against and 2 abstentions.
Discussion Item:

1. Dean Karpus led a discussion regarding the administrative and academic homes of the Cellular and Molecular Biology M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor and BioPhysics M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor programs. The committee concluded that the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education (OVCRGE) will continue as the administrative budget home for the programs and that the Graduate School will continue to act as the academic home.