

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee (GFEC) Annual Report, 2016-2017



Graduate School

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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TO: University Committee
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RE: Report of GFEC AY2016-17

I am pleased to report on the actions of the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee (GFEC) for academic year 2016-2017. This is a brief summary of all actions broken out into three categories of approvals, reviews and policy changes. More details appear in the subsequent pages.

Approvals. GFEC approved the creation of 1 new PhD program, 1 doctoral minor, 11 named options and 2 capstone certificates. Additionally, 4 programs and 1 named option were renamed and 1 program was restructured. GFEC approved admissions suspensions for 2 programs, 2 named options, 1 graduate certificate and 1 capstone certificate. Two programs, 10 doctoral minors and 1 named option were discontinued.

Reviews. GFEC conducted 9 3-year program check-ins and 39 program reviews and review updates.

Policy changes. The co-advisor/co-chair role was formalized. The minimum number of members serving on doctoral committees was reduced from five to four and the number of readers was formalized at three. Finally, graduate students are required to provide a written acknowledgement contributions received from other individuals, including co-authors of published work that appears in the dissertation, such as in designing the research, executing the research, analyzing the data, interpreting the data/research, or writing, proofing, or copyediting the manuscript.

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Graduate Faculty Executive Committee **Actions**
Academic Year 2016-2017

Established

Doctoral/Master's Degrees

- Biomedical Data Science Ph.D. from the Department of Biostatistics and Medical Informatics. Planned effective Fall 2018. (GFEC April 2017)

Doctoral Minors

- Quantitative Biology Doctoral Minor. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC April 2017)

Named Options

- Civil and Environmental Engineering M.S. Named Option “Construction Engineering and Management”. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC December 2016)
- Civil and Environmental Engineering M.S. Named Option “Environmental Science and Engineering”. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC December 2016)
- Civil and Environmental Engineering M.S. Named Option “Geological/Geotechnical Engineering”. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC December 2016)
- Civil and Environmental Engineering M.S. Named Option “Structural Engineering”. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC December 2016)
- Civil and Environmental Engineering M.S. Named Option “Transportation Engineering”. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC December 2016)
- Civil and Environmental Engineering M.S. Named Option “Water Resources Engineering”. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC December 2016)
- Electrical Engineering M.S. Named Option “Signal Processing and Machine Learning”. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC December 2016)
- Environmental Conservation M.S. Named Options “Environmental Observation and Informatics” and “Environmental Conservation”. Effective Summer 2018. (GFEC Feb 2017)
- Industrial Engineering M.S. Named Option “Human Factors and Health Systems Engineering”. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC December 2016)
- Industrial Engineering M.S. Named Option “Systems Engineering and Analytics”. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC December 2016)
- Mechanical Engineering M.S. Named Option “Automotive Engineering”. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC December 2016)

Capstone Certificates

- Clinical Nurse Specialist-Adult/Gerontology Capstone Certificate from the School of Nursing. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC March 2017)
- User Experience Design Capstone Certificate from the Information School. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC December 2016)

Renamed

Doctoral/Master's Degrees/Doctoral Minors

- “African Languages and Literature” to “African Cultural Studies” M.A./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor. Effective Fall 2018. (GFEC November 2016)
- “Languages and Cultures of Asia” to “Asian Languages and Cultures” M.A./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor, which were also unsuspending. Effective Fall 2018. (GFEC February 2017)
- “Medical Microbiology and Immunology” to “Microbiology” M.S.; this was unsuspending, renamed, and then made the non-admitting terminal degree for the Ph.D. in Microbiology. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC January 2017)
- “Rehabilitation Psychology” to “Rehabilitation Counselor Education” Ph.D./Doctoral Minor from the Department of Rehabilitation Psychology and Special Education. Effective Summer 2017 for new students, with students currently enrolled under “Rehabilitation Psychology” having the option to switch until August 2018 conferral of degrees, after which the Rehabilitation Psychology Ph.D. will be unavailable for enrollment and degree clearance. (GFEC December 2016)

Named Options

- Engineering M.Eng Named Option “Applied Computing and Engineering Data Analytics” to “Engineering Data Analytics”. Effective Fall 2016. (GFEC October 2016)

Restructured

Doctoral/Master’s Degrees/Doctoral Minors

- History of Science, Medicine and Technology M.A./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor change in academic home from the Department of History of Science to the Department of History within the College of Letters and Science. Effective July 1, 2017. (GFEC April 2017)

Admissions Suspended

Doctoral/Master’s Degrees/Doctoral Minors

- Art Education M.A./Doctoral Minor. Effective Spring 2017. (GFEC January 2017)
- Theatre and Drama M.F.A. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC June 2017)

Named Options

- Art History Ph.D. Named Option “Architectural History”. Effective Fall 2018. (GFEC Feb 2017)
- Engineering M.Eng. Named Option “Technical Japanese.” Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC May 2017)

Graduate/Professional Certificates

- Material Culture Studies Graduate/Professional Certificate. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC June 2017)

Capstone Certificates

- French Studies Capstone Certificate. Effective Fall 2016. (GFEC October 2016)

Discontinued

Doctoral/Master’s Degrees

- Hebrew and Semitic Studies M.A./Ph.D. from the Department of Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies. Effective Spring 2017. (GFEC December 2016)
- Landscape Architecture M.A. Effective Summer 2017. (GFEC May 2017)

Doctoral Minors

- Bacteriology Doctoral Minor. Effective Spring 2017. (GFEC April 2017)
- Biological Systems Engineering Doctoral Minor. Effective Spring 2017. (GFEC March 2017)
- Business, Environmental and Social Responsibility Doctoral Minor. Effective Spring 2017. (GFEC March 2017)
- Cancer Biology Doctoral Minor. Effective Spring 2017. (GFEC September 2016)
- Cellular and Molecular Biology Doctoral Minor. Effective Spring 2017. (GFEC April 2017)
- Comparative Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Minor. Effective Spring 2017. (GFEC Mar 2017)
- Medical Genetics Doctoral Minor. Effective Spring 2017. (GFEC September 2016)
- Social and Administrative Sciences Doctoral Minor. Effective Spring 2017. (GFEC Mar 2017)
- Social Work Doctoral Minor. Effective Spring 2017. (GFEC January 2017)
- Theatre and Drama Doctoral Minor. Effective Fall 2017. (GFEC June 2017)

Named Options

- Languages and Cultures of Asia Ph.D. Named Options “Languages and Literature”, “Civilizations and Cultures”, and “Religious Studies”. Effective Fall 2018. (GFEC Feb 2017)

Three-Year Check-Ins and Updates

Named Options

- Economics M.S. Named Option “Graduate Foundations” Update. (GFEC April 2017)
- Economics M.S. Named Option “Graduate Foundations”. (GFEC March 2017)
- Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis M.S. Named Option “Global Higher Education”. (GFEC January 2017)
 - Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis M.S. Named Option “Global Higher Education” Update. (GFEC April 2017)

- Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis Ph.D. Named Option “Wisconsin Idea Executive Ph.D. Cohort”. (GFEC January 2017)

Capstone Certificates

- Communication Sciences and Disorders Capstone Certificate Update. (GFEC Nov 2016)
- Leadership for Population Health Improvement Capstone Certificate. (GFEC May 2017)
- Post-Graduate Psychiatric Nursing Capstone Certificate. (GFEC September 2016)
- Post-Graduate Psychiatric Nursing Capstone Certificate Update. (GFEC November 2016)

Policy Changes

Graduate School Policy “Advisor”

- Formalize the co-advisor/co-chair role by including the following statement in advisor policy: “The coadvisor/co-chair will be designated on dissertation documentation.” (GFEC February 2017)

Graduate School Policy “Committees (Doctoral/Master’s)”

- Reduce the minimum number of members serving on doctoral committees/final oral examination committees from 5 to 4. (GFEC February 2017)
- Adopt a minimum requirement for “at least three committee members of all doctoral/final oral examination committees must be designated as readers.” (GFEC February 2017)

Graduate School Policy “Dissertation”

- Dissertations must acknowledge contributions received from other individuals, including co-authors of published work that appears in the document, such as in designing the research, executing the research, analyzing the data, interpreting the data/research, or writing, proofing, or copyediting the manuscript. (GFEC Feb 2017)

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee Program **Reviews**, Academic Year 2016-2017

- **African Languages and Literature** M.A./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor (10-Year Review; GFEC Feb 2017)
- **African Languages and Literature** M.A./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor (Review Update; GFEC May 2017)
- **Art Education** M.A./Doctoral Minor (10-Year Review; GFEC March 2017)
- **Art** M.A./MFA/Doctoral Minor (10-Year Review; GFEC March 2017)
- **Astronomy** M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor (10-Year Review; GFEC May 2017)
- **Biophysics** M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor (10-Year Review; GFEC April 2017)
- **Cancer Biology** M.S./Ph.D. (10-Year Review; GFEC December 2016)
- **Cellular and Molecular Biology** M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor (10-Year Review; GFEC December 2016)
- **Chemistry** M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor (Review Update; GFEC March 2017)
- **Chinese** M.A./Ph.D. (Review Update; GFEC October 2016)
- **Consumer Health Advocacy** Graduate/Professional and Capstone Certificates (10-Year Review; GFEC January 2017)
- **Counseling Psychology** Ph.D./Doctoral Minor (10-Year Review; GFEC June 2017)
- **Culture, History, and Environment** Graduate/Professional Certificate/Doctoral Minor (5-Year Review; GFEC September 2016)
- **Dairy Science** M.S./Ph.D. (Review Update; GFEC March 2017)
- **Development** Ph.D./Doctoral Minor (10-Year Review; GFEC June 2017)
- **Educational Psychology** M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor and “Professional Educator” (MSPE) Named Option (10-Year Review; GFEC January 2017)
- **Educational Psychology** M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor and “Professional Educator” (MSPE) Named Option (Review Update; GFEC May 2017)
- **Entrepreneurship** Graduate/Professional Certificate in the School of Business (10-Year Review; GFEC October 2016)
- **Fundamentals of Clinical Research** Graduate/Professional and Capstone Certificates (5-Year Review; GFEC April 2017)

- **Gender and Women’s Studies** M.A./Doctoral Minor/Graduate/Professional Certificate (10-Year Review; GFEC September 2016)
- **German** M.A./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor (10-Year Review; GFEC May 2017)
- **Global Health** Graduate/Professional and Capstone Certificates (Review Update; GFEC October 2016)
- **“Global Real Estate” Named Option in the Real Estate and Urban Land Economics** M.S. (5-Year Review; GFEC June 2017)
- **Japanese** M.A./Ph.D. (Review Update; GFEC October 2016)
- **Journalism and Mass Communications** M.A. (10-Year Review; GFEC November 2016)
- **Journalism and Mass Communication** M.A. (Review Update; GFEC March 2017)
- **Library and Information Studies** Ph.D./Doctoral Minors (10-Year Review; GFEC November 2016)
- **Music** M.A./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor; Music: Education M.M.; Music: Performance M.M./DMA (10-Year Review; GFEC September 2016)
- **Music** M.A./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor; Music: Education M.M.; Music: Performance M.M./DMA (Review Update; GFEC March 2017)
- **Population Health** M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor and “Epidemiology” Named Option (10-Year Review; GFEC June 2017)
- **Scandinavian Studies** M.A./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor (10-Year Review; GFEC May 2017)
- **Slavic Languages and Literature** M.A./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor and Doctoral Minor in Russian (10-Year Review; GFEC May 2017)
- **Social Welfare** Ph.D./Doctoral Minor (10-Year Review; GFEC November 2016)
- **Social Welfare** Ph.D./Doctoral Minor (Review Update; GFEC March 2017)
- **Strategic Innovation: Technology, Organizations and Society** Graduate/Professional Certificate in the School of Business (10-Year Review; GFEC October 2016)
- **Theatre and Drama** M.F.A./Doctoral Minor (10-Year Review; GFEC April 2017)
- **Theatre and Drama** M.F.A. (Review Update; GFEC June 2017)
- **Urban and Regional Planning** M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor (10-Year Review; GFEC May 2017)
- **Zoology** M.A./M.S./Ph.D./Doctoral Minor (10-Year Review; GFEC March 2017)