

Graduate Affairs Committee Minutes

Date: April 26, 2016

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: UL 1126

Meeting called by: Dr. Janice Blum

Attendees:

Janice Blum (Chair), Margaret Adamek, Rafael Bahamonde, Randy Brutkiewicz, Susan Cauble, Cristine Czachowski, Fred Di Camilla, Patricia Ebright, Margie Ferguson, Richard Gregory, Monica Henry, Youngbok Hong, Marjorie Hovde, Brian King, Karl MacDorman, Brendan Maxcy, Deborah McGregor, Jacquelynn O’Palka, Kristi Palmer, Taylor Rhodes, Patrick Rooney, Randall Roper, Kristy Sheeler, David Skalnik, Jody Sundt; Staff: Dezra Despain

Guests: Dr. Ulla Connor, IU School of Liberal Arts; Dr. William McNiece, IU School of Medicine, Vice Dean Antony Page, IU McKinney School of Law

Minutes

Approval of the Minutes for March 22, 2016 - approved

Blum

IU Dean's Report

Wimbush

Not in attendance.

Purdue University Report

Story

Not in attendance, however Dr. Blum mentioned that Dr. James Mohler, the new associate dean, visited campus last week. He met with the deans from Science and Technology, and with faculty members.

Associate Dean's Report

Blum

The Elite 50 was a successful event. One of the criteria for the award is to participate in off-campus activities. We are making an effort to procure the list of off-campus activities so that we can collect data to see what our students are doing. A big thank you to all the Schools that participated to make this such a successful event and to faculty for nominating students.

We had two students receive the John H. Edwards Fellowship, Leah Van Antwerp and Katherine Bridgeman. Both are from the School of Health & Rehabilitation. The John H. Edwards Trust Fund provides income for three fellowships of approximately \$20,000 each for graduate students at Indiana University for one academic year. The John H. Edwards Fellowship is one of the University’s most prestigious academic awards and is awarded to students based on good citizenship, character, public services, and other qualifications. We offer congratulations to the School of Health & Rehabilitation for their students’ success.

We would like all schools to encourage their students to apply to the various awards and fellowships that are offered.

We recently learned that our students are eligible for the Fulbright Hays—Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program. This program provides grants to colleges and universities to fund individual doctoral students who conduct research in other countries, in modern foreign languages and area studies for periods of six to 12 months. The first application deadline was sometime in April, which was a short turnaround time for us, but in the future we will promote this award much earlier.

We had the Chancellor’s Convocation Honors event just recently. For the Sherry Queener Graduate Student Excellence Award, our fellowship committee selected Ruth Berman from the School of Science and Nhan Hieu Do from the School of Engineering and Technology. We will be getting a plaque for the Graduate Office that will list the Queener Award recipients.

This year’s Chancellor’s Scholar is Debaleena Chattopadhyay, a Ph.D. student in the School of Informatics and Computing. She is in her final year and had the highest cumulative GPA, both of which are criteria for this award. Andrew L. Beardsley from the School of Medicine, received the award at the master degree level.

Akshayalakshmi Sridhar placed third of twenty-three participants in the 3MT competition held at the annual meeting of the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) on Friday, April 8th in Chicago, Illinois. Akshaya is a doctoral student in Biology in the Purdue School of Science at IUPUI. We were thrilled with her success. We will be continuing with this competition in the future.

Assistant Dean's Report

Mitchell

NaShara was not present, but Monica Henry reported for her.

The President's Diversity Initiation application has been sent out and is due May 15. This award offers a one-year stipend of \$20,000 (non-STIM) - \$25,000 (STIM) disciplines. It covers student health insurance and access to various workshops.

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Rhodes

Not present.

Graduate Office Reports

Henry

Amber Scott has joined our team as the new IU Graduate Admissions Coordinator. IU admissions questions can be directed her way at aheller@iupui.edu.

In regards to MSEP, the initial financial aid packaging for graduate and professional students will take place on Friday, April 29th.

Two of the English courses that a student (or TA) could place in as a result of the SPEAK and EAP exam now reflect graduate level work ENG – G513 and G520 vs ENG – G013 and G020.

Please report any application fee increases that go into effect July 1. You must contact me at mlhenry@iupui.edu to update your Grad eApp to reflect the new rate.

Committee Reports

Curriculum Subcommittee Report

O'Palka

The committee met online and acted on 54 courses, of which 31 were approved, 9 were approved contingent upon minor revisions or clarifications, and 14 were not approved, but will be seen again on Thursday and discussed. We have one more meeting this academic year in May.

Fellowship Subcommittee Report

Henry

The Fellowship deadline was April 15th. We had 31 nominations for master's. We extended 16 offers and 11 students accepted. For PhD's we had 61 nominations. We extended 30 offers, of which 15 accepted.

Graduate Recruitment Council Report

Mahoney

Jennifer Mahoney was not present, however, Monica Henry reported for her.

Thirty-four prospective students attended our Accelerate Acceptance Speed Sessions on April 19th.

The annual Recruiter's Workshop will be held Wednesday, May 25th. We already have 53 people registered but there is still room for additional attendees. The early bird rate of \$25 ends on May 2nd. Topics include: Virtual Events, Using Social Media for Recruitment, Recruiting Diverse Students, Leveraging Your Digital Presence to Drive Student Recruitment, and more! Please share this information within your schools and have anyone who is interested contact Jennifer at mahoney2@iupui.edu.

Program Review

Blum

- M.A. in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) – approved, pending the inclusion for the need of this program in Indianapolis.
- Curriculum change – Graduate Certificate in TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) name change - approved
- M.S.A. in Anesthesia – approved, pending statements on student assessment/evaluation being included in the proposal.
- Accelerated degree: BA in Liberal Arts / JD – approved, pending clarification on when applications are accepted for the BA program and when they are accepted for the JD program.
- Amendment to Graduate Certificate in Philanthropic Studies - Approved

Discussion

- Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL) – Research Day

CIRTL is a network of 46 universities dedicated to the advancement of undergraduate education in STEM and other disciplines through the professional development of future faculty. This is similar to our future faculty program but with a real focus on teaching. <http://www.cirtl.net/>

- Process to Address Remonstrance of Courses or Programs – Approved
- Proposal to Add Dissertation/Thesis Titles to Transcripts with Referential Links to Learning Artifacts

To Be Discussed in May

- Adding a back page to syllabi that includes Required Policy Statements, Optional but Recommended Policy Statements, and Course-Specific Statements Recommended for Inclusion in Syllabus.

A handout was given to the committee members. The curriculum committee will review this and make recommendations during the May GAC meeting.

- The Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) has been discussing doing away with requiring minors for the PhD programs. This will impact the IU programs. Your graduate faculty representative can take your concerns and ideas back to the meeting for discussion.

Next Meeting and Adjournment (**May 24, 2016, 1:30 pm, UL 1126**)