

**Graduate Affairs Committee**  
**March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Present:** Mark Bannatyne, Paul Carlin, Pamela Crowell, David Ford, David Handel, Andrew Hsu, Eunbok Kim-Crespi, Michael Kowolik, Joyce Mac Kinnon, Craig McDaniel, Jackie O'Palka, Daniel Pesut, Sherry Queener, Sharon Sims, Soren Svanum, James Williams, Marianne Wokeck, James Wimbush

**Guests:** James Brokaw, Tony Faiola, Mathew Palakal, Jay Siegel

**Staff:** David Koerner, Sue Wheeler, Beth Young

**Approval of Minutes – Dr. Sherry Queener**

Minutes from February 27, 2007 meeting were approved.

**Associate Dean's Report – Dr. Sherry Queener**

Dr. Queener would like to thank the committee for participating in the electronic vote for iBT guidelines.

The results: 17 – yes votes & 1 – no vote

Thom Upton & Dean Sukhatme will be notified that the GAC recommends these new guidelines.

NRC Update: The faculty surveys will close the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. Faculty have until April 1<sup>st</sup> to complete the faculty questionnaire. At the present time, 89% of the Nursing faculty have completed the faculty questionnaire. Dr. Queener would like to be close to the national average, which is around 75 and we are currently around 64% for all faculty. The Graduate Office asks that members remind the faculty and would like the survey completed at the earliest convenience.

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) initiative is moving briskly. There will be a press conference this Thursday, which will give more information on this program initiative. Also, a new website will be launched after press conference on Thursday. There are plans to have a Summers Scholar's Institute – 6 students will be a part of this pilot program. There will be an application online to apply to this program. A large effort will be put into cross-institutional research to get researchers at IUPUI and IUB involved.

**IU Dean's Report – Dr. James Wimbush**

The President has put in place the makings for a Medical Clinic on the Bloomington Campus that will provide basic medical and dental care for the faculty, staff, & students. A main concern for graduate students is the availability of health care for students and this will help the graduate students in Bloomington. This is part of the President's commitment to Graduate Education.

Dr. Wimbush has been taking the time to visit all the IU campuses and his last visit will be on IU-East this Friday.

Dr. Wimbush has been actively promoting our Graduate Education at Indiana University.

He has recently met with Baron Hill & Senator Dick Lugar on Capitol Hill concerning the renewal for the grant that funds the McNair scholarships. They were discussions about renewed funding and the need for Graduate Education itself.

Dr. Wimbush recently met with Orlando Taylor, the dean of Howard University Graduate School. Dr. Wimbush shared that he hopes that the IU Graduate School can do some things jointly with Howard University in the future.

Dr. Wimbush also shared information about Graduate Education Week. This idea has been getting wide-spread support across the campuses and will hope to start the Spring 2008. There will be more to come on this initiative in the future.

First issue of the Graduate Quarterly will be released today, which is a University-wide newsletter. Future issues will feature articles from all IU campuses. It is web-based, not a paper-based publication. Dr. Wimbush also noted that Amy Warner & Troy Brown have also been in the discussions for the future issues.

#### **Graduate Office Report – Mr. David Koerner & Ms. Sue Wheeler**

We have 263 people who have applied for Summer admission, but whose applications have not been acted upon in Apply Yourself. There are 584 applicants is a similar position for Fall admission. Please ask your units to work on clearing these applications.

The Graduate Office will be closed Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, due to the Campus Holiday.

#### **GRE Training Update – Ms. Sue Wheeler**

Details of the proposed changes to the GRE were presented. Subsequently, ETS withdrew the proposal for the extensive changes that had been circulated and are making more modest changes. Additional information will be posted under Faculty Resources on the Graduate Office Website.

David and Sue will be doing a session this summer for the Bridges and T35 students and possibly doing Prep for Grad School including a GRE Prep through Human Resources.

**GSO Report** – No report at this time.

#### **Committee Business**

##### ***Curriculum Subcommittee – Dr. Jackie O’Palka***

The next Curriculum Subcommittee meeting will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please note that if you have new courses that need to be reviewed, please send at least a week before that date.

##### ***Fellowship Subcommittee – Mr. David Koerner***

The “Make Offer” list is out to Departments. Some departments have made those offers. The Graduate office is aware of 6 PhD students that have accepted our Fellowship Offer and 1 Master’s student. The deadline is April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm to let the Graduate Office know about the accepted Fellowship Offer.

#### **Program Review – Dr. Sherry Queener**

- Graduate Certificate in Human-Computer Interaction – Approved
  - Note: This certificate is being proposed as a Graduate School Certificate rather than a School of Informatics certificate.
- New Track in Anatomy & Cell Biology PhD – Approved
- MS in Forensic Science – Approved
- In Progress
  1. MS in Laboratory Informatics – On hold until further communication from School of Informatics
  2. Combined BS/MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering – Ready to be reviewed

3. PhD in Rehabilitation Science – *Ready to be reviewed*

**Discussion**

- No discussion

**Next Meeting**

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**Meeting Adjourned 2:43pm.**