

Graduate Affairs Committee Minutes

Date: March 28, 2017

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: UL 1126

Meeting called by: Dr. Janice Blum

Attendees:

Janice Blum (Chair), Rafael Bahamonde, Randy Brutkiewicz, Gabriel Chu, Fred Di Camilla, Margie Ferguson, Jan Fulton, Richard Gregory, Tabitha Hardy, Monica Henry, Marjorie Hovde, Kim Lewis, Karl MacDorman, Jennifer Mahoney, Brendan Maxcy, James Mohler, Jacquelynn O'Palka, Taylor Rhodes, Randall Roper, Paul Salama, Kristy Sheeler, Carole Kacius for Constantin Yiannoutsos; Staff: Dezra Despain

Guest: Chris Harle, IU School of Public Health

Minutes

Approval of the Minutes for February 28, 2017 – approved

Blum

IU Dean's Report

Wimbush

Not in attendance

Purdue University Report

Mohler

The Graduate Council at West Lafayette has put together an English proficiency task force that came up with five recommendations. These are still under discussion, and have yet to be approved by the faculty and Graduate School. One was to increase the overall score from 77 to 80, and to increase the sub-scores from 14 to 20. There was push back on the sub-scores, so we will see if this is approved. Another recommendation is to get rid of the waivers. This will make our programs non-competitive with other institutions that give waivers. Other recommendations include raising awareness about how to use the TOEFL and providing English courses for graduate students.

ETS did a presentation last week and provided information via a PDF. It has best practices that has been given to Janice and can be shared with you and your colleagues.

On Friday, Mark Yeager from the Thesis and Dissertation office will be retiring. Ashlee Messersmith will be taking over as manager.

Associate Dean's Report

Blum

Thank you to those who nominated Dr. Janice Blum for an Outstanding IUPUI Woman Leader award. It is because of you and your programs that she received an award. The IUPUI Office for Women will be celebrating their leadership awards event today at 2:30. Please join us.

The University of Nebraska hosted a meeting for institutions participating in the CIRTl program. We will be sending out information on what we have from CIRTl to STEM consortium with teaching and professional career development resources for graduate students.

The Graduate Faculty Council recently met. There was a presentation on the Graduate Mentoring Center as well as the Service Learning Center. They are looking for new members, which means you should be getting an email asking you to nominate new members from your school. Since we have been involved in the GFC, we have seen dramatic improvements in the number of fellowships offered to our students, and we have been able to impact policy. We really need IUPUI faculty on that committee to help keep us well represented. Our current representatives are very active on the council; we either lead or co-lead every committee.

Assistant Dean's Report

Hardy

Dr. Hardy attended the Society of Toxicology meeting in Baltimore, Maryland and made contact with nearly 40 students interested in graduate studies and will be attending the National Society of Black Engineers meeting March 30-31.

The Underrepresented Professional and Graduate Student Organization (UPnGO) will host a “Midday Mixer” and information session April 21st 12-1pm in University Hall 2041-2043. This is featured as part of Graduate Student Appreciation week activities. Please encourage your students to attend.

Dr. Hardy also attended a one-day GRE Test Prep Workshop for Campus Educators in Philadelphia, PA to learn about GRE resources available for students. The workshop covered the basic components of the exam, tips for taking the exam and free online resources.

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Rhodes

GPSG Student Appreciate Week is April 17-21. We hope to make this an annual event. We have flyers we can distribute if you need them and we encourage students to participate. We are using the social media hashtag #thnkugrad throughout the event. Students have been selected for the Elite50 Award, which is also one of the events during this week.

Graduate Office Reports

Henry

Dr. Janice Blum has been selected as an Outstanding IUPUI Woman Leader in the *veteran faculty* category for our 2017 Women's History Month Leadership Awards.

Graduate Student Appreciation Week will take place the week of April 17th! The IUPUI Graduate Office will host Donuts and Coffee in the University Library Atrium, 2nd floor from 9 AM – 11 AM on Wednesday, April 19th. Please share with your students, and encourage your staff and faculty to show their appreciation to their graduate students.

Committee Reports

Curriculum Subcommittee Report

O’Palka

March was a light month for reviews. The committee saw a total of eight courses; three course change requests and five new course requests. The committee approved two of the three course change requests and three of the five new course requests. The programs have been contacted regarding the courses that were not approved.

The committee will meet in April and May and then will recess for the summer. Keep this in mind as you prepare courses for submission.

Fellowship Subcommittee Report

Henry

Sherry Queener Graduate Student Excellence Awardees

Spencer Lawson from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs is the master’s awardee
Afnan Al-Zain from the School of Dentistry is our PhD awardee.

Fellowship Offers have been distributed - deadline April 15th

Master’s – 29 nominees – 19 offers out

PhD - 66 nominees - 32 offers out

PDI – 4 offers out

Purdue Diversity Fellowship – 2 offers out

Graduate Recruitment Council Report

Mahoney

Our workshop for prospective students called “Accelerate Acceptance: The Secrets of Graduate Admissions Speed Sessions” is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Students should register at <http://graduate.iupui.edu/survey/speed-session.shtml>.

The GradJag, a monthly e-newsletter for current graduate and professional students, will go out early next week. Story/article ideas should be submitted to Jennifer Mahoney at mahoney2@iupui.edu by Monday, April 3.

Grad Grants workshop is tomorrow, March 29.

Program Review

Blum

- Graduate Minor in Systems and Services Research – approved contingent upon the following changes:
The title is not informative and should reflect the discipline.
The committee requested that letters from the Schools or departments mentioned in the minor are obtained indicating they are willing to serve as minor representatives.
- MA in Economics to be changed to MS in Economics - approved
- Addition of a Non-Thesis subtrack in the MS in Biostatistics program – approved

Next Meeting and Adjournment (April 25, 2017, 1:30 pm, UL 1126)