

Graduate Affairs Committee Minutes

May 27, 2014
1:30 pm
UL 1126

Meeting called by: Dr. Sherry Queener

Attendees:

Sherry Queener (Chair), Randy Brutkiewicz, Thomas Davis, Patricia Ebright, Monica Henry, Michael Kowolik, Karl MacDorman, Deborah McGregor, NaShara Mitchell, Jacquelynn O'Palka, Jeffrey Paine, David Peters, Patrick Rooney, John Schild, David Skalnik, James Williams Staff: Dezra Despain

Guests: Dr. Kathy Jones, Dr. Joe Bidwell, Dr. Malaz Boustani, Nadia Adams, Dr. Vicki Smith-Daniels, Kelly Sumner

Minutes

Approval of the Minutes for April 22, 2014

Queener

IU Dean's Report

Wimbush

Unable to attend

Purdue University Report

Story

Unable to Attend

Associate Dean's Report

Queener

Assistant Dean's Report

Mitchell

The National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE) is taking place this week from May 27 -31 on campus. IUPUI is a sponsor of the conference.

This evening is a reception from 6:15-8:00 p.m. in the campus center. It's the IUPUI Scholar Reception, sponsored by the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

GU2IUPUI shared costs in the past. The open house is open to all students while the institute is available for prospective applicants from underrepresented and under-served backgrounds.

Summer scholars are coming in this week: Bridges to the Doctorate, HBCU, STEM Scholars, and others.

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Greco

Unable to attend

Graduate Office Reports

Henry

Sue Wheeler's position is posted as Graduate Recruitment Coordinator. Our goal is to fill this position by July 1.

Passed out a summary of the program reviews that took place during Dr. Queener's tenure. This reflects the productivity that has taken place. Two hundred and thirty two programs have passed through the GAC during her tenure, and of those, 208 have been approved.

Committee Reports

O'Palka

Curriculum Subcommittee Report

The committee's last meeting is this Thursday. As of now there are forty new classes and eight course changes. We expect to have it all cleaned up after the committee meets.

Fellowship Subcommittee Report

Henry

Deadline for 2nd year fellowship was Friday. The goal is to get notifications out to the departments and programs by June 13th. Currently there are 17 master's degree nominations and 28 PhD nominations.

Graduate Recruitment Council Report

Met and put together fall's schedules. (Reported by NaShara Mitchell)

- Dietetic Internship Professional Certificate; approved via electronic vote
- One year MS degree in Clinical Anatomy – revised from New Traditional Track one-year MS degree in Anatomy & Cell Biology -- approved with modifications (add education courses to the list of electives) with 3 abstentions 9 approvals

Joe Bidwell gave a synopsis of what changes took place:

The title was changed to MS in Clinical Anatomy

Emphasized that students will be taught to teach anatomy at various levels of education; high school, undergrad, and graduate.

The intent of this degree is about mastering the subject matter. It is to provide content matter for various pedagogical styles. It was recommended to add education courses to the list of electives.

- Information Assurance and Security – concentration --- approved
- Corporate and Commercial Law – LL.M Track—approved
- Business of Biomedical Sciences – new minor -- approve with the amendment to increase to 9 credit hours. One member voted no.

Many IUSM students go into business. This minor will help make them be competitive in the market.

It was suggested that either a new course number or a separate section number be considered to identify the rotation as IURTC.

There was concern that this is a seven-credit hour minor, which is within the guidelines of the graduate school but is not consistent with typical graduate minors. It was recommended that the minor be at least nine-credit hours.

- Graduate Certificate in Innovation and Implementation Science—approved

Graduates will lead the discovery and implementation of new cost-effective, patient-centric, and value-based delivery models as well as the implementation of evidence-based practices into routine care.

From the time you discover a solution to being able to touch lives with that solution is 17 years. This is the best case scenario. Only 1.5 out of 10 actually make it to the front line. We want to cover the gap between innovation and implementation.

This certificate is being marketed for the clinician.

- Diabetes and Obesity Minor – curriculum changes—approved

Comparable to the changes made to the cancer biology minor; move three course from required to elective.

- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology MS – curriculum changes—approved

- A minimum of 30 credit hours, including two of the following courses- G715, G716, B500, or G865. Each student would also take G505 and two of the seven 2-credit Biochemistry core courses (B811, G805, G807, G817, G848, G852, G825); and at least 9 credit hours in research. Each student will also complete one of the two research communication courses – B890 or G655. A thesis will be written and successfully defended to the thesis committee

- B500 is the introductory to biochemistry and is there for those students coming in who have not fulfilled that course. G865 enhances the foundation a student has for research, lab, etc.

- Revised Plan of Study – DNP –approved

- The DNP was originally developed for practicing nurses to receive a clinical doctorate. But now about 60% of those graduates are being asked to lead. We solicited information from others and found that there is a need for better leadership. Implementing leadership into the program will set a standard and make us more competitive.

Discussion

- EAP Placement Test
 - All international students except those from a few countries where the courses of study are in English must take the English language proficiency exam. The exception is if the TOEFL scores are above 100. They do not have to be tested. In theory the Graduate Office is supposed to be monitoring whether students are taking the classes into which they have been placed, but that turns out to be a very large job. It's very hard to keep track of so we are dependent upon programs to be monitoring, also. Compliance is very spotty. Some programs are doing an excellent job seeing that their students

take the courses in the first semester; others are postponing and trying to graduate students without having completed the EAP requirements. In the future this committee will re-evaluate the EAP policy and to decide if it is or is not something that needs to go forward. If it goes forward, there will be additional training and some oversight with the programs to be sure it is implemented.

- OIA Graduate Policy – Kelly Sumner
 - We want to make the flow of documents more efficient. We are putting things in place to minimize the confusion/loss of documents. Many departments want special handling; we want to standardize across the board to make the process more efficient.
- PhD Minors
 - Dezra went through all the minutes to find any and all records of minors and their approvals. She handed out a report that indicated the status of the minors, whether they are in SIS, in the Bulletin, or in any other record. The minors will continue to be updated until all records reflect the same information.

Dr. Queener thanked everyone for their hard work. She has enjoyed working with the GAC.

Next Meeting and Adjournment (**TBD**)