

Graduate Affairs Committee Minutes
February 26, 2013
1:30 to 3:00 pm
UL 1126

Present: Jackie O'Palka, Oliver Chen, Deborah McGregor, Barry Katz, Dominique Galli, James Wimbush, Gordon McCurdy, Jonas Bjork, Andrew Winship, Ben Boukai, Micahel Kowolik, John Schild, Keith Morran, Constantin Yiannoutsos, Pat Ebright, Brittany Shea Herbert, Davide Bolchini, Charlie Feldhaus, Cathy Pike, Sherry Queener (Chair)

Staff: David Koerner, NaShara Mitchell, Sue Wheeler & Dezra Despain

Approval of Minutes for January 22, 2013 – Dr. Sherry Queener

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IU Dean's Report – James Wimbush

The Provost in Bloomington gave state of campus address; she is very interested in ways to reduce time to degree; she is interested that there are career paths for doctoral students; she wants to find ways to reduce time to degree, particularly in humanities. The recommendations that come out of Bloomington's committees may be of interest to this campus as well. High quality students are desired, and one way to acquire high quality students is to provide students with what they need in a timely fashion.

Purdue University Report – Jon Story

Due to weather conditions, Jon Story was unable to attend.

Associate Dean's Report – Sherry Queener

Dr. Queener thanks everyone who sent good wishes her and her husband's way.

Assistant Dean's Report – Ms. NaShara Mitchell

Getting You Into IUPUI, highlights the Open House and overnight program that takes on Monday, Oct 8. Open to all prospective students. It's a follow up to the Grad Expo.

Preparing Future Faculty and Professionals (PFFP), is participating in virtual PHD program.

Write-On is going well and takes place on Monday evenings and once a month on Saturday.

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity; great asset for students who need help in a variety of different areas.

SRQP; please share with students interested in it, or if you are searching for a student, there is a list available. NaShara has the list.

Law and Hire Education; Title 9's impact on academic research, Technology and Veteran Affairs, and other areas of interest.

GPSG – Janice Vinson

Email received, Dezra Despain read the report to the committee: I gave remarks at the Board of Trustees meeting on February 15th. The key points of remarks were the need to expand services (number of

counselors) at IUPUI CAPS and extending tuition incentives (i.e. summer tuition discount and frozen tuition rates for undergraduate students 3rd and 4th years) to graduate and professional students.

Our next social will be held on Monday, April 15th from 4-6p at the Stacked Pickle. There will be free food and non-alcoholic beverages.

We are looking for graduate and professional students who are interested in becoming part of GPSG. Officer elections will be held in April.

Graduate Office Report – Mr. David Koerner

The Graduate Office is now responsible for processing Permanent Residents, Political Asylees, Refugees and undocumented graduate students. If the unit/department has documentation for permanent residents, political asylees and refugees that supports the applicant's status, please scan it (as a separate document) and attach it to their electronic application. We will not process an admission for these groups of applicants until we are able to obtain documentation.

Committee Business

Curriculum Subcommittee – Dr. Jackie O’Palka

The committee approved 87 course changes in February. We will meet again March 6th. There are 36 more course changes and 36 new courses. Hopefully the committee will have things cleaned up in early March. The committee will meet in April, May, and June.

Ben Boukai: Are there guidelines for remonstrances?

Dr. Queener: The only guideline is the month-long remonstrance. If there is an issue with remonstrance, the policy has been to put the program and the person who has filed the remonstrance into contact with each other and let them work through it.

Ben Boukai They have an issue that hasn't been resolved. It has been three years and he wants to know if there is a timely way to work this out.

Dr. Queener suggested they discuss this later outside of the meeting.

Jackie O’Palka: The curriculum committee tries to get two different departments to talk before the remonstrance period so that remonstrance goes smoothly.

John Schild: What constitutes course changes?

Jackie O’Palka; They are small changes such as wordsmithing on course titles, shifting credits up or down, revisions in descriptions, etc.

Fellowship Subcommittee – Mr. David Koerner

The Fellowship Committee is meeting on Tuesday, March 5th to review and award Block Grants. Block Grant applications next year will be due on November 1, 2013.

We have received 110 University Fellowship nominations – 47 Masters and 63 PhD. The Fellowship Committee will meet on Thursday, March. 12 to review and create a “make offer” list. Nominees will have until 5 PM on April 15th to accept the University Fellowship award.

Graduate Recruitment Council – Ms. Sue Wheeler & Ms. Dezra Despain

Accelerate Acceptance: May 22, 2013, free for students. This gives students interested in graduate school a brief overview of graduate school.

Dezra is looking for students for Photo shoot because she is updating the graduate brochures.

If you have updated brochures for your department, please send to us. We take them with us when we go recruiting.

Program Review – Dr. Sherry Queener

- Doctoral Minor School of Public Health

These minors do not show up in any minutes. We are in the process of tracking down their status.

Ben Boukai: Paper work has vanished on one of their minor programs. Maybe we should have something set up to tackle just the problematic programs in order to move them along.

Dr. Queener: Agreed. There may be other programs that have had the same conversation. If we go on record with the Graduate Affairs Committee that “these minors have been approved on this date” that should set the record straight. The approval for minors has been inconsistent through the years. If you have minors that you use routinely, send them to us.

- Biostatistics MS Degree

This is an IU degree, 42 credits, and is practice based.

Constantin Yiannoutsos, representative of PBHL and the degree program, said that all courses are available right now, and are courses that doctoral candidates take for their core elective sequence in their first two years. The only exception is a survey course being developed that all PBHL students must take. PBHL hopes this course provides another option for students at IUPUI. They appreciate having it put on the agenda because they want it approved by August 2013, John Schild: Is it a stand-alone degree?

Constantin Yiannoutsos: The immediate concern is that every year they have a number of students who could not make it to a PHD so this is for them, but eventually they want it to be a stand-alone terminal degree.

Barry Katz: There is a need for a stand-alone program. They get applicants who have a desire for this program, but do not have the intensity of statistics or math to go right into a PhD program. They have nothing else to offer these students, so this would be perfect for them.

Ben Boukai: There is a masters in Purdue that goes through a lot of bureaucracy. This will help fill that need.

Dominique Galli: Will it impact the application to the PHD program?

Barry Katz: Not at first, but perhaps in time

Dr. Queener: 30 credits is what is usually accepted when going from a Master's program to a PHD. What about students who take 42 credit hours? How are those extra credits accounted?

Constantin Yiannoutsos: All PBHL Master degrees have 42 credit hours already in place. This one needed to fall in line with the other degrees. They had not considered a student going from a Master's program into a PHD program. They will include that issue in the application

Dr. Queener: Let's leave it as it for the moment and let it go forth as a stand-alone.

David Koerner: Perhaps put into place a plan of study that could address which courses are applied to the PHD, and which ones are not.

Dr. Queener: There are some small issues, but will address these directly with Constantin Yiannoutsos.

Approved pending Dr. Queener's comments to Constantin Yiannoutsos.

Discussion

Strategic Planning Committee Updates:

Ben Boukai: There is not a report from the task force yet.

Dr. Queener: There are at least three committees that relate to graduate education; there is an issue for how much expansion in the PHD, whether that expansion should be to allow more students in the existing programs or to develop more PHD degree programs. That's still under discussion.

Oliver Chen: There are issues with regard to research and teaching; there is a huge divide with faculty who don't want to teach undergraduate courses. Also, what is a reasonable faculty-to-student ratio?

John Schild is on the faculty talent task force and they are looking at what faculty needs to look like in 2025. There is a great mix of faculty talent. He considers the concept of how the unit wants to grow.

Needs to be addressed according to the unit's accountability; how do they want to grow, where do they want to use their resources, etc.

Ben Boukai: Engaging in the mission of the units is up to the dean of that unit. Successful units subsidizing unsuccessful units is an issue.

John Schild: Disagrees. Everyone must justify their salary. Where's the money coming from? If the school wants to invest in it, it will happen.

Ben Boukai: IUPUI is an urban research institution---the word "institution" can be defined in many ways; a university institution, a mental institution, etc. How do we define ourselves?

Dr. Queener: When do we stop relying on the Federal Gov't to drive the research engine? This is still being discussed.

John Schild: The money is staying here in Indiana. This is a huge leverage for money.

NaShara Mitchell: This is part of the conversation that drives the Student Life taskforce.

Oliver Chen: Staying in Indiana is not true for all schools. SLIS educates for a wider place than local because of the limited amount of jobs.

Dr. Queener: This is typical for PHD students, also. How do we get resources from the State for students leaving the state.

Old Business

Dominique Galli: Abstracts for IUPUI Research day are due this Friday, March 1st.

Next Meeting March 26th, UL 1116

Meeting adjourned at 3:08pm