

**Graduate Affairs Committee**  
**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Present:** Margaret Adamek, Mark Bannatyne, Paul Carlin, Eunbok Kim-Crespi, Pamela Crowell, Anthony Faiola, David Ford, Valerie Lim (for Andrew Hsu), Joyce Mac Kinnon, Craig McDaniel, Jackie O'Palka, Bob Osgood, Dan Pesut, Sherry Queener (Chair), Jon Story, Uday Sukhatme, Soren Svanum, James Williams, James Wimbush, Marianne Wokeck

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

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

Minutes from March 27, 2007 meeting were approved.

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

October 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> – Celebration Week on the Bloomington Campus. Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> will be the inauguration of McRobbie. Dean Wimbush hopes that during this week that all IU campuses will be celebrating IU during this week as well and use it as a recruitment event as well. On the Bloomington campus, the celebration week will end with Football Homecoming.

Dean Wimbush also announced that the Graduate School will have a new additional Associate Dean joining us who will be based in Bloomington. This announcement will be made very soon.

Dean Wimbush also shared that on Thursday will be in DC to be a part of the release of a new report and a briefing to members of Congress. The report is titled: Graduate Education: The Backbone of American Competitiveness and Innovation. This is a new report from the Council of Graduate Schools. Ultimately, this will report and briefing will hopefully help congress understand graduate education even better.

At the last Trustee Meeting, it was voted upon to name the HPCU program the Adam W. Herbert Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics Program in honor of President Herbert in his efforts to get this initiative underway. The undergraduate students participating in this initiative will be called Herbert Scholars and graduate students will be called Herbert Fellows.

Dean Wimbush also noted that many graduate students have voiced a concern concerning the fee increases. Dean Wimbush met with David Stout, GSO president to clarify what the graduate students concerns are and Dr. Queener and Dean Wimbush will be meeting with Dean Whitney Wednesday to discuss these concerns further.

**Purdue Dean's Report – Dr. Jon Story**

Last Purdue Graduate Council Meeting is this Thursday. Currently, there are no new programs from IUPUI to be approved by the Purdue Graduate Council at this time.

Next week there should be an announcement concerning the new Purdue President.

Dr. Story also noted that the system between IUPUI and PU is going very well and he appreciates all the work that the IUPUI campus does with the Purdue Graduate Council.

**IUPUI Executive Vice-Chancellor's Report – Dr. Uday Sukhatme**

Since Dean Sukhatme and the teams have been working on action plan, the teams have been sending their reports and therefore, some implementation steps have been taken.

Dean Sukhatme shared that since IUPUI's reputation is based on research, therefore we have the signature center initiative has been developed and we have funded 19 potential signature centers – \$300,000 each over 3 years.

One of the beneficiaries from these Signature Centers is the capability of graduate students receiving federal funding, which will aid in an increase in the graduate population. Dean Sukhatme feels that a strong research effort not only needs strong faculty; it needs a strong graduate student population.

IUPUI reputation on the national scene seems more off-putting because of its lower graduation rate. This is an area that many of the action teams are looking into to and evaluating what IUPUI can do to improve retention.

A program has been developed and implemented using some of the Commitment-to-Excellence money to improve undergraduate retention. In the math and science area, Dean Sukhatme shared that graduate students in the School of Science and use 9 extra Fellowships as a result of this assistance to will help those departments with improving retention in the gateway courses in math and science.

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

Dr. Queener shared as an information item that ESL Department will change its name to EAP – English for Academic Purposes. This will resolve some of the confusion between ESL and ELS.

**NRC update** – Student questionnaires are out and only category of students on the IUPUI campus that were covered in the student questionnaire grouping is Medical Neurobiology – 20 students qualified and met the criteria and 7 of those students have already responded. The national expectation is around 35% for student response. There is one more stage for data comparison and review and then the Graduate Office will be able to see the data that all the departments entered in.

**HBCU STEM Initiative** – One part of this initiative is the Summer Scholars Program. The expectation is that a number of students from partner institutions would come to one of the research campuses of Indiana University to work in the lab in a very good research environment. We have received 20 applications and 15 are qualified. Dr. Daleke is working in Bloomington to place the students while Dr. Queener is working on the IUPUI campus to place the students. They expect the students on campus by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Graduate Office Report – Mr. David Koerner**

The student health insurance for the academic appointees will increase 14% next year. The estimated cost will be about \$1557 per student for the calendar year starting August 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost for spouse and dependents will increase, but the exact amount is unknown at this time. Please note that APPD will take over health insurance enrollment starting in August. The drivers for this will be eDocs and reports will be generated from IUIE.

**Hooding Ceremony** – Please note that the venue has changed! The Hooding Ceremony on May 13<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day) will be held at the **Marriott Downtown** NOT the Westin.

#### **GSO Report – Mr. David Koerner**

GSO has been very involved in the Quality of Student Life Initiative. Dean Wimbush indicated the GSO's position on fee increases to students. Their position is that they need to reallocate the fees that they have already paid before they ask for more fees from students. This is an important issue to the GSO and they are taking it very seriously.

## **Committee Business**

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

The Curriculum Sub-Committee met on April 17<sup>th</sup>, where they approved about 2 course changes and 18 new courses, 3 or 4 courses required small changes, and 2 or 3 were sent back for further revisions. The committee will meet again in May and will also meet in June, if necessary.

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

The Fellowship Committee has the results in for University Fellowships.

25 offers and 20 students accepted at master’s level, which is a very high acceptance rate for the master’s level.

37 offers and 12 accepted at PhD level, which is a very low acceptance rate.

Since so little PhD Fellowships were accepted, the committee is reopening these University Fellowships, but only for PhD Candidates.

The deadline is May 4<sup>th</sup> for the second round. The committee is opting for a quick turnaround time for this second round.

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

- Voting
  1. Combined BS/MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering – Approved
  2. PhD in Rehabilitation Science – Approved

### **Discussion**

Dr. Bob Osgood shared information about two Education graduate programs that the School of Education would like to get full approval by the Graduate School and the ALC.

- **18 hour Urban Education certificate** – The plan is to have it as a graduate school certificate. It is currently not approved by the Graduate School and is only approved as a School of Education certificate. It has been noted that the certificate expands beyond the span of education students and would like it to be available to all students. This approval will be circulated electronically to the GAC for any concerns or issues. Currently, this certificate is not graduate financial aid eligible because it doesn’t reside in a structure that allows it to be so this is also a critical concern.
- **Masters in Education for Elementary & Secondary Education** – This is not a new Masters Degree program; it is just restructured to better suit IUPUI and working with urban schools within Central Indiana. This will be just an information item to GAC since it has already been approved and then be moved on to the Graduate School and ALC.

### **Next Meeting**

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007

**Meeting Adjourned 2:35pm**