

**Graduate Affairs Committee  
Minutes  
January 22, 2008**

**Present:** Margaret Adamek, Paul Carlin, Craig Daniels, Anthony Faiola, Eugenia Fernandez, Dominique Galli, Jackie O'Palka, Mitchum Owen, Dan Pesut, Sherry Queener(Chair), Simon Rhodes, Sharon Sims, Soren Svanum, James Williams, James Wimbush

**Guests:** Sarah Brandenburg (on behalf of Bob Osgood), Joe DeFazio, Rich Edwards

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

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

Please email any updates to **ejmoody at iupui dot edu**.

The three proposals approved by the GAC in November have all been approved by the Board of Trustees and have been forwarded to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

The Education Track in Anatomy has been moving forward as well.

Watch for the announcement of an NSF GK-12 with Kathy Marrs as PI; that will involve PhD students from this campus who will be out in the community working teaching in the STEM courses in different high schools, like Crispus Attucks. This could be a good overlap with the new Education Track in Anatomy.

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

Dean Wimbush is happy to announce that the deans on this campus as well as the IUB campus have come to an agreement about dental coverage for graduate students. The dental coverage provides a 500 dollar maximum. There is a deductible of \$25. They will have the option also to have this benefit for the student's spouse and their dependents, for an additional fee. This coverage will begin on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2008 to August 15<sup>th</sup> 2009

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – State of Indiana Graduate Education Day – This event at the State Capital will be in conjunction with Purdue. Governor Mitch Daniels will declare this as Graduate Education Day. Dean Wimbush hopes that President McRobbie from IU and President Córdova from Purdue will be joining the festivities as well. This occasion is felt to be a great way to showcase the importance of graduate education to the state. In the future, they hope to grow this celebration into a Graduate Education Week.

It was also mentioned that if you have students you would like to recommend, send this information to Amy Conrad Warner. It also helps if they are natives of Indiana or registered to vote in the state and the research is geared towards the state.

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

IUPUI Chancellor Scholar selection is due March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The search will be based on the PhD and Master's list by GPA and take the top few students and contact the school/program for a nomination for that student. Please note that this is only for IU Graduate School programs.

Graduate Student Survey:

One survey is from the President's Office: Student Voice Initiative – A very short 5-question survey.

A more extensive survey is being created by Gary Pike; Dr. Queener and the graduate office are assisting. This survey focuses on student satisfaction with campus services, including the graduate office.

The STEM Initiative will continue for the second year – Application is now online.

<http://stem.indiana.edu>

### **Purdue Dean's Report**

Jon Story was unable to join the meeting this afternoon, but did send on some announcements to Dr. Queener to share with the committee.

Purdue is about to release the official ad for the Graduate School Dean. Cindy Nakatsu is the Interim Dean at Purdue currently.

Purdue is also searching for a Provost, which they should be making an announcement about that very soon.

They are also in the process of searching for a VP for Research.

Purdue's Strategic Plan 2007-2013: [http://www.purdue.edu/strategic\\_plan/2007-13/](http://www.purdue.edu/strategic_plan/2007-13/)

NCA Review for Purdue will happen in 2009 or early 2010.

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

David would like to thank departments for getting admits in early and because of this the spring semester got off to a strong start!

This was very helpful to the Graduate Office and we will try that again as we go into summer and fall.

### **GSO Report – Mitchum Owen**

Gary Pike need students for the review panel for the Graduate Student Survey If you have students you would like to recommend for this, please contact Mitchum Owen or Gary Pike.

The GSO is now in Campus & Community Life Office in the new Campus Center. They are in room CE365 and their phone number is 278-0165.

GSO is trying to increase the funding for student organizations that are specifically for graduate students. Please email the GSO regarding student organizations for grad students in your department so they may add it to their list.

GSO Email: [gradstu@iupui.edu](mailto:gradstu@iupui.edu)

Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – State of Student Life – 6:00-7:00pm, Campus Center 405

### **Committee Business**

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

Please send in new courses at your earliest convenience.

Please note the new rubric: AHLT is now SHRS.

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

The Committee met in January and decided on Block Grant funding for 2008-09. Notification letters have been sent to each school. The Fellowship Committee awarded over 1 million dollars to schools for Block Grant Funding in 2008, an increase over the current year's funding.

The Committee has also decided to expand school representation by adding two more members. The addition of new representatives will lessen the load on committee members in the review of University Fellowship applications. The Committee will be divided into two working groups to review UF applications decreasing the number of applications each member has to review.

The University Fellowship applications have been sent electronically to departments/programs. Each department can submit 4 nominations. The Indy Open Bio Med PhD program will submit 36 nominations. The committee also reaffirmed their position that the University Fellowship award cannot be given to students who are enrolled exclusively in courses at another school/institution; the student must be enrolled in residence at IUPUI to be eligible for nomination/awarding a University Fellowship. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 22, 2008. The committee will review and rate the nominations and a make offer list will be sent to the departments on Friday, March 7, 2008. This year the Committee will also identify "provisional" nominations that can be extended if a person offered a University Fellowship turns down the offer. David will notify the department of the next "provisional" nomination -- the committee hopes this process would speed the award process and eliminate the need for a 2nd round of applications/nominations as has had to happen the past two years.

Dr. Queener will be asking for additional funding for Dissertation Fellowships. The criteria and application process has not yet been determined but is dependent on funding from the institution.

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

- Graduate Certificate in Media Art & Sciences - *Approved*
- Changes in the MS in Media Art and Sciences Program – *Hold pending revisions*
  1. The committee asked that goals need to be made clearer on the proposal and suggested a few slight reformatting changes.
  2. Once these changes have been made, the proposal will be sent out electronically to the GAC for an electronic vote.
- Cancer Biology - *Approved*
- Revisions to MS & PhD IBMG - *Approved*

### **Discussion**

Dr. Queener was pleased to announce that the Purdue Graduate School has formally approved the MS in Forensic Science and has now been sent on to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education for further approval.

Update: Dr. Queener will be meeting with Dean Wimbush to discuss the IUSON Faculty PhD Proposal and will also follow-up with IUSON as well.

At the next meeting, Dr. Queener would like to discuss Financial Aid/Fellowships payments and feedback from the website inventory.

### **Next Meeting**

February 26, 2008

**Meeting Adjourned 2:54pm**