

Graduate Affairs Committee Minutes

Date: April 28
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: UL 1126

Meeting called by: Dr. Janice Blum

Attendees:

Janice Blum (Chair), Rafael Bahamonde, Randy Brutkiewicz, Susan Cauble, Thomas Davis, Gregory Druschel, Richard Gregory, Maureen Harrington, Monica Henry, Karl MacDorman, Jennifer Mahoney, NaShara Mitchell, Jacquelynn O’Palka, David Peters, Patrick Rooney, John Schild, David Skalnik, Jody Sundt, James Wimbush, Andrew Winship, Constantin Yiannoutsos; Staff: Dezra Despain

Guests: Peggy Stockdale, Chair IUPUI Dept. of Psychology; Leslie Ashburn-Nardo, Associate Professor, Psychology; Jane Williams, Associate Professor, Psychology; Raymond Haberski, Director of American Studies; Kathleen Marrs, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Science

Minutes

Approval of the Minutes for March 24, 2015 -- approved

Blum

IU Dean's Report

Wimbush

There were 52 of 62 presidents at the Associations of Graduate Schools meeting where they discussed the importance of graduate education. The following ideas were suggested for initiatives; increased funding that would follow doctoral student and not the institution, established set of metrics that would be used for AAU memberships, and quality metrics for doctoral quality.

Dr. Wimbush attended board meeting in Washington D.C. where he talked to legislators from Indiana. He advocated for three initiatives: 1. They would like to have all loans consolidated so there is only one origination fee. 2. They would like a letter from all institutions that lets students know how much they have on student loans and how it affects them for tax purposes and how they will be repaid. There is financial literacy legislation being considered and is modeled after IU. 3. They would like to review Pell Grants; many students have a year left going unused. It would be nice to be able to have BSMS programs use Pell Grants.

Purdue University Report

Story

Not in attendance

Associate Dean's Report

Blum

Our last meeting is in May, please quickly send programs for review before the end of the academic year.

The Executive Vice Chancellor has graciously given the Graduate School an extra \$100,000 a year for us to support new Ph.D. programs. This is for new programs that are approved. We will develop an application where you apply to us and we will potentially give you some funds to support 1-2 students, depending upon how many new programs are approved. This is outside of the block grant funding mechanism. There may be a matching program where Schools will be required to put up funds matching the award.

I traveled to Purdue last Thursday. As you may know, the School of Science is moving Biology and Chemistry from Purdue to IUPUI in order to gain greater autonomy.

Also, Purdue is focused on metrics for their graduate programs. There is a strong emphasis on where they rank nationally and internationally according to US News and World Reports. The Executive Vice Chancellor here at IUPUI is interested in the rankings of our graduate programs as well. We will be asking for help to get metrics.

Purdue has developed an eMentoring program where they match junior graduate students with senior graduate students.

Next meeting we hope to have someone from Financial Aid regarding student debt.

Assistant Dean's Report

Mitchell

Two weeks ago, FAMU & Tuskegee faculty came to the IUPUI campus. Prior to them coming here, a cohort of our faculty visited FAMU as an introduction and to establish relationships, and to talk about what an ideal partnership and faculty exchange would look like. The faculty were able to meet with peer faculty members, visit classrooms, and judge the poster competition while there. One FAMU student will come here to train and create a training video to take back to the FAMU campus.

Getting You Into IUPUI is October 7-10. Friday, October 9 is the open house. Of the 25 participants who participated last year, 14 submitted applications, eight were admitted, and five have been confirmed.

PFFP annual conference, Friday Nov. 6 at the NCAA. This year we will offer the 3MT (3-Minute Thesis) competition. This is a bridge to the national competition, which is held April 6.

We will have Writing Group this summer.

This year was the inaugural Elite 50; the graduates now have a comparable celebration of accomplishment similar to the undergraduate's Top 100. UPnGO was recognized as the council of the year.

Graduate and Professional Student Government

Greco

Not in attendance

Graduate Office Reports

Henry

Recorders are working hard on spring degrees. They have announcements they want to share with UGS programs so they created a handout with information that you can take back to your units and get it to those who are processing forms. Some examples from the handout are:

- What comprises a research committee
- Credit transfers

Graduate school diplomas will be looking different starting this May. The actual master's degree program will be listed. This is for IU UGS programs only.

Esther Kinsley Dissertation Award notice will be coming out soon. Deadline is May 20, and the application is on the IUPUI Graduate website.

Committee Reports

Curriculum Subcommittee Report

O'Palka

The curriculum committee met last week. We have one more meeting in May. Because May is a busy month, the deadline for us to review courses is May 8th. We will not meet again until September.

Fellowship Subcommittee Report

Henry

April 15 was the deadline University Fellowships. We had 13 PhD Fellows accept the offer, and 14 Master students accept the offer.

Presidents Diversity Initiative deadline was Friday April 24. The awards will go out next week.

Graduate Recruitment Council Report

Mahoney

We held the Recruiter's Workshop last week on Wednesday, April 22. We brought in Ruffalo Noel-Levitz as the Keynote speaker. They provided best practices and marketing information and were well received. This year was the highest attendance so far.

Speed Sessions is coming up next month on May 21 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m in the IUPUI Campus Center, room 405.

Boot Camp goes more in-depth with reviewing personal statements. This year it will take place on July 10 from 10:30 – 3:30 p.m. and will be held in the University Library.

Program Review

Blum

- PhD in Applied Social and Organizational Psychology—approved pending revisions
In the reviews, one suggestion was to emphasize the translational aspect, another involved credit internships. There was a discussion about how students are ranked in the program. The proposal's focus was towards grades, but a reviewer pointed out it should also mention the importance of research metrics and the thesis and qualifying exam as important measures of student progression and success.
There is an evaluation by the SAFF program on grades and progress. The question was asked if that is in addition to advisory committee, or part of their advisory committee. How is this evaluation related to advisory committee?
The response was that SAFF meetings are part of professional development. It's different from the advisory committee. The primary research committee member is part of the SAFF committee.
It was noted that the program is self-sustaining because faculty and staff are already in place, however, it appears that they are looking for someone to lend it gravitas. Where is this person coming from and where are the resources coming from that will support this person? It's not mentioned in the proposal.
The response was that they didn't want to make it a requirement of the program because they can run program with faculty that they have, however, they have support from dean's office.
- PhD in American Studies – Approved pending updates
One of the concerns is in regards to whether this will use existing SPEA courses.
Will the Internships be paid? Yes, they will be. This should be clarified in the proposal.

There was a concern about faculty effort but was assured that there are policies in place for when faculty serves.

Another question was in regards to the number of minors the students have available to them and how they learn about these minors.

Students will arrive knowing what research center they are part of and what minors are attached to that research.

And finally, the name doesn't reflect what the program is about.

The response was that they used American Studies because it has a history and people in the field will know what it is, but they are open to suggestions. The current logo is AMST.

- BS/MS in Nursing / Health Informatics – approved pending clarifications
Why are there two tracks for the nursing program? In one case 15 credits are transferring, in the other 18 are being transferred. This needs to be clarified.
There was some confusion about the GPA and course grades that also needs to be clarified.
- BS/MS in Sports Management/Informatics – approved
It was suggested that coordinating between academic advisors in both the bachelor years and the master years might be mentioned in the proposal. Also, it should be noted that if a student isn't performing well and leaves the program, they may lose transfer credits if they don't complete the master degree.
- BS/MS in Health Information Management/Health Informatics – approved pending CAHIM updates
It was noted that CAHIM may require some minor credit hour adjustments. This will be addressed in a revised proposal.
- BA/BS/MS in Biology/Public Health – approved pending revisions
Change undergraduate minimum GPA from a C to B-.
There was some concern about the number of required credit hours impinging upon electives. This was discussed in committee in Biology and was determined that the number of Public Health credit hours is beneficial to the students in this program. A letter provided from committee stating this was requested.
- PhD minor in Diversity Science -- approved
Modify minimum number of credits
- PhD minor in Legal Studies -- approved
Modify minimum number of credits
- PhD minor in Mixed Methods Data Analytics for Social/Behavioral Sciences -- approved
Modify minimum number of credits
- PhD minor in Occupational Health Psychology -- approved
Modify minimum number of credits
- Curriculum changes in the Education Track in Anatomy and Cell Biology -- approved
- Curriculum changes in the MS programs in Anatomy and Cell Biology -- approved

Next Meeting and Adjournment (**May 26, 1:30 pm, UL 1126**)