

**Graduate Affairs Committee  
Minutes  
May 25, 2010**

**Present:** Beth Berghoff, Bob Dittmer, George Edwards, Philip Goff, Michael Kowolik, Joyce Mac Kinnon, Jim Murphy, Jackie O'Palka, Mathew Palakal, David Peters, Dan Pesut, Sherry Queener, Simon Rhodes, Lisa Riolo, Sherry Sims, Jon Story, James Williams & Marianne Wokeck

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

**Guests:** Jason Eberl

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

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

Dean Wimbush followed up on the release of Commission Report on Future of Graduate Education and Council of Graduate Schools meetings. This report was well-received by the IU-Bloomington Campus as well as around the nation. He noted again the need for increased support for graduate education, which includes a "COMPETES" doctoral traineeship program to support doctoral students in areas of national need as well as expanding loan forgiveness. There is also a call for more funding to support programs like the Professional Science Masters Program.

These are things that are being worked on at the national level and it will be up to individual universities to look for support from the state & local levels.

Dean Wimbush also met with **Doug ???** to discuss the new Health Bill that was recently passed & find out what the resources might be for getting someone here to help us understand the provisions of the Bill on campus.

Dean Wimbush also mentioned that the IU-Bloomington campus is hosting the CIC Dean's Meeting beginning tomorrow & Thursday.

Dean Wimbush attended the CGS Board Meeting last month as well. William Eckberg, PhD, the former associate dean at Howard University, who is now the Director of the AGEP program shared a description about the direction of AGEP but noted that they are still unsure of what the future may hold. They have some ideas about the direction they may take with AGEP, but they have run into some challenges and details are still being sorted out at this time. Dr. Eckberg shared that AGEP has been severely over-committed, which is why we don't have funding for this program currently on our campus. Other campuses have had to lay-off staff & reduce programming. We have only had to reduce programming.

AGEP is divided into two different programs: AGEP-STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) & AGEP-SBES (Social, Behavioral, & Economic Sciences). Dean Wimbush understood that money from the AGEP budget was allocated for either STEM or SBES, but he recently found out this was not the case. Actually, the STEM program would fund the SBES program. This will no longer be the case and in turn, the SBES program may eventually dissolve due to lack of funding. It is not clear what direction AGEP may go in, but it gives us assurance it will continue. They have their annual JAM's (Joint Annual Meeting) meeting in June where they will look into getting more funding with different alliances.

On the topic of the State Budget, we're hoping that we're beyond any reductions. The state had positive results in terms of meeting its forecast for March & April, but even with these positives steps – the state is still spending more than it's taking in. We are preparing to be even more efficient & reserve as much cash as possible to save money as much as possible. Because of this, there are most likely not going to be

salary increases at the end of this fiscal year. It is still possible and the University will not make this decision until June, but a favorable outlook for this is unlikely.

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

Purdue Graduate School is still restructuring their strategic plan to coincide with the Purdue University Strategic Plan. They are currently working with the Board of Trustees on expanded ideas on what the PUGS wants to do in the future.

The hiring for the Assistant Dean position in the Purdue Graduate School has been put on hold due budget cuts. They hoped to have someone hired by summer, but this may not happen due to new budget revisions & freezes.

698/699 – Course is now available for IUPUI Graduate Students.

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

PhD in Health Policy & Management was approved at the ALC meeting last week.

The next ALC meeting will be held in September.

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

New application will be available in July – training will begin shortly there after.

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

No report.

### **Committee Business**

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

Final Meeting of the year – 3 course changes, 6 new courses

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

No report.

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

- MPH-MSW Dual Degree
  - Approved
- MA in Philosophy-MPH Dual Degree
  - Approved

### **Discussion**

- Principles of Graduate Learning Assessment – Wokeck
  - The Graduate Office will work on a few revisions on this document & will post it on the Graduate Office website.
- Update of Task Force Priorities for Graduate Funding Increases – Queener
- Demo – new Request Tracking System which will replace GADMPROC mailbox

- Student Academic Appointee Application and Agreement Form
  - The Graduate Office will work on a few revisions on this document & will post it on the Graduate Office website.

**Old Business**

**Next Meeting**

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Meeting adjourned 2:42pm**