

**Graduate Affairs Committee  
Minutes  
April 26, 2011**

**Present:** Margaret Adamek, Oliver Chen, Patricia Ebright, George Edwards, Philip Goff, Robert Helfenbein, Kathy Johnson, Craig McDaniel, Razi Nalim, Jackie O’Palka, Sherry Queener, Brittney Shea-Herbert, Sherry Sims, David Skalnik, Jon Story, Toby Swick, & James Wimbush

**Staff:** NaShara Mitchell & Sue Wheeler

**Guests:** Hesta Friedrich-Nel, James Brokaw, and Karen Black

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

**Email:** Sue Wheeler sulwheel at iupui dot edu

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

New Academic Directions report – findings presented about a month ago – findings include online education study – academic programs and the way they go about developing online courses mainly at the undergraduate level. Teaching and learning report was not presented. A study was conducted on regional campuses – one dealt specifically with Graduate School - Wimbush was on the committee – some findings for all campuses but mainly Bloomington and IUPUI. A statement was added about the Graduate School – literally two paragraphs – committee looked at the Grad School and determined that since 2005 the Grad School has redefined itself by offering services to the campuses, recommendation was made to decentralize even more – on each campus. IUB decentralize even more – recording function for graduate degrees is done by grad school – perhaps schools do their own recording. Graduate Education function moved to the Office of Academic Affairs. Probing, there does not appear to be a hidden agenda. With respect to what is recommended for consideration, decentralizing campuses and IUB, in discussions with Deans what has come to be recognized is there is concern about the quality of education. Important to maintain integrity of programs, there is a lot of synergy between IUPUI and IUB.

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

Working on ways to get departments to buy into interdisciplinary issues which can cause problems at graduation - Pulse program does not actually have a program – students graduate from one of their professor’s departments. Professional Masters Degrees – non thesis masters degrees – companies or people pay for their own degrees – aim to decrease undergraduate degrees – having a round table will see what happens. Purdue is working on a 10 year funding plan to avoid the ups and downs of legislature with regards to budgets. Office has acquired new space for personnel. PULSE program is paying for this review.

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

- Hesta Friedrich-Nel, Visiting Fulbright Scholar reported on her progress to date. She has met and worked with 16 colleagues. She is awaiting IRB approval to speak to students, particularly students in process of preparing dissertation, thesis or defense. Committee members are asked to help Hesta find students. She will send her email address to Dr. Queener for dissemination amongst the GAC.
- Retention Data for graduate programs – IMIR has been asked to start mining data to find true co-hart retention data. They have not done this yet but retention of graduate

programs was 88.3% and now it is 89.8% for all graduate and professional programs on campus.

- NRC data updated – average citations per publications – non humanity fields have been changed. Honors and awards have been recalculated. Academic plan non-responders were eliminated. First year students with no support – non-responses have been changed.
- There has been a change in how admissions are done for law, medicine and dentistry therefore there is an anomaly

#### **Graduate Office Report – Sue Wheeler**

- Graduate Recruitment Council Report - flyer is available and will be sent to departments. Forty-eight students are already registered for the Accelerate Acceptance: Secrets of Graduate School Admission to be held May 23.. A STEM event is being planned for after the Grad Expo, more details to follow.

#### **Assistant Dean's Report – NaShara Mitchell**

- PFF kickoff is November 11<sup>th</sup> – save the date.
- QR codes will be tested at recruiting events soon. Hopefully this will lead to use across the institution.

#### **Graduate Student Organization – Dr. Sherry Queener**

- Elections have taken place and transitions are being planned for summer.

#### **Committee Business**

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

Next meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

##### ***Fellowship Subcommittee – Dr. Sherry Queener***

16 offers out for masters

32 for PhD candidates

8 masters accepted

17 PhDs accepted

\$8420 over budget – Dr. Queener will use the strategic funds to cover.

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

- Minor in Education for PhD in Anatomy Education – GAC sees no reason to independently approve this minor

#### **Discussion**

Karen Black of NCA2012 Committee reported that the assessment requirements are the old criteria how effectively programs develop a knowledge base – principles of graduate learning – assessment at disciplinary level as well. To start process – learning outcomes for everything credentialed. November 5-7, 2012 is the visit. With 2012 committee criteria 3 & 4 are important for grad programs. Karen has examples and has student outcome tools. Sometimes they are asked why it is important – primarily it is because our students receive federal financial aid. When reviews are done on this campus the total program is reviewed – undergraduate and graduate.

#### **Old Business**

David Slavnik inquired about the Chemistry and Biology proposals. They are complete but waiting on one letter. They will be packaged and sent to Uday for approval tomorrow.

Robert Helfenbein reported that the Urban Education proposal has met with resistance. The Commission has asked for an additional research course, syllabi, and renaming of the program.

**Next Meeting**

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**Meeting adjourned 3:00pm**