**Graduate Faculty Council Minutes**

**Date and Time: 10-23-2017, 3:30 to 4:58 pm.**

**Members absent:** D. Cullen, A. Deason, M. Georgiadis, Y. Liu.

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| **TOPIC** | **ITEMS/DISCUSSION** | OUTCOMES/DECISIONS |
| Approval of minutes from Council meeting on September 18, 2017 | Quorum established. | MOTION: To accept the minutes.  VOTE: Unanimous acceptance. |
| Announcements | Two new Council members, Scott Shackelford and Linda Charnes, were elected to fill vacancies in units BL-4 and BL-7, respectively  Michael Beam will join us in November to discuss the APC Dual Credit Pipeline program through which high school educators attain the additional course work needed to meet new standards for teaching dual-credit courses. | Information only. |
| Dean | Dean Wimbush could not attend but will join us in November. On his behalf, Margaret talked briefly about data transparency for the UGS, in which key metrics for all programs will be available online by end of this semester. | Information only |
| Discussion Items  Role of the Graduate Faculty Council in advising the Dean  Online courses for dual-credit instructors  New timeline for elections.  Endorsed status of GFC members  Faculty Marshals needed for Winter Commencement at IU-Bloomington | Discussion of the role of the Council in graduate education governance: the Council was formed by Dean Wimbush and serves in an advisory capacity; the Dean takes the recommendations of the Council very seriously and has thus far always implemented the Council’s changes. However, the Council is not a formal part of governance and so can be overridden by the Dean of the University Grad School. Articulated roles-Communication to share information, discuss issues relevant to graduate education, share best practices, and creation of criteria on how we recognize students.  Clarification on Graduate Faculty Council-terms to serve-2 years. Explained interim status as finishing year 2 of a term. Replacements confined to unit level elections.  Concerns expressed regarding academic policy committee-Question: are policies to be developed by the committee framed within a consulting role or is this a legislative body for policies to be implemented in the graduate school.  Discussion: Alex Lichtenstein raised a number of questions about the IU Online program offering 18-credit-hour certificates to high school teachers that will allow them to teach dual-credit courses in state high schools for IU credit. Issues raised include: oversight mechanism, rigor of courses, how are courses divided up? Per Kristy Sheeler, some programs are already approving courses, so the program is moving forward.  Grad Initiatives Committee proposed a new timeline-Motion to call for nominations in November ~~within units~~. After 1 week send out reminders. After nominations have been submitted the vetting process will commence. Next, confirmation will be obtained that nominees consent to serve. Elections will be held in March thus allowing 2 to 3 weeks for voting. This will provide adequate time for elections, taking into account spring break at different campuses, and then announcement of winners. Discussion: Bylaws stipulate that any grad faculty may nominate grad faculty in any unit; thus, call for nominations will not be held only within units with open seats.  Discussion of who comprises the nomination committee, as referenced in the Bylaws. Decision was to amend Bylaws to state that the Graduate Initiatives Committee will serve as the Nominations committee.  GFC representatives currently must be endorsed members of the Graduate Faculty. Do we need endorsed status to serve on the Graduate Faculty Council? Issue is that many programs and some whole schools and campuses confer no PhD degrees; thus, those reps are granted endorsed status solely for the purpose of serving on the GFC. Grad Initiatives Committee approved recommendation that we drop endorsement requirement for service on GFC. Discussion: Dave Daleke reviewed endorsed status and reason for having endorsement as a requirement. No consensus reached; tabled for further discussion.  Dean Wimbush requested volunteers from among the IUB reps to the GFC to serve as faculty marshals for the Winter Commencement. | Information only**.**  All policies generated by Graduate Faculty Council have been implemented by the Dean.  Preference, in the past by the Dean, is for the Graduate Faculty Council to be a consulting body regarding graduate education at Indiana University.  Need to provide further clarification of the Graduate Faculty Council role in the constitution and bylaws.  Bringing Mike Beam to November meeting for further discussion  Motion to accept new timeline proposal. Unanimous vote.  Article 2 section 4. Language of bylaws to be amended to read:  Section 4. Nominations for representatives to any election unit may be made by any member of the Graduate Faculty. Nominees must be endorsed members of the Graduate Faculty. The Graduate Initiatives Committee shall review nominations and submit to the Council for approval a ballot consisting of two (2) nominees for each election unit. Graduate Faculty may vote for nominees in all election units within their campus.  Provide GFC members with mailing lists of their constituents.  Discussion, tabled for further inquiry.  Malcolm Smith, Jane McLeod volunteered. |
| Standing Reports from Committees   * Academic Policy Committee * Awards Committee * Diversity Issues Committee * Graduate Initiatives Committee * Reports from Student Representatives | Academic Policy Committee- discussed PhD minor option. Consensus to table for this year. Topics under discussion by committee: Hours required for PhD. To be determined via case by case basis. Distinction between graduate degree and professional degree. Also, PhD online hybrid format..  Awards Committee- selected the winner of MA Thesis Award for biological sciences & humanities. Only humanities had a submission. The awardee is Janice Miller-a graduate of the history program. Feedback provided for this candidate stated she did outstanding, complex research that was interdisciplinary. Also, exemplary because it required work in multiple languages.  Diversity-No report.  Graduate Initiatives Committee-approved the proposals discussed above concerning election timeline and endorsed status of GFC members. | Information only.  Information only. Expressed appreciation to the committee. |
| Report from IUB GPSG Student Rep.  Report from IUPUI GPSG Student Rep. | IU Bloomington graduate students are now enrolled in the Graduate Canvas site. The Student Graduate organization now has email access to all graduate students.  New podcasts have been created and uploaded to Canvas for graduate students. For example, a recorded interview with a campus leaders. In addition, interviews with graduate students have been made available via pod casts to bridge the silos between graduate students in different programs. Affectionately named GPSG radio.  Future plans are to create training modules for AI education such as sensitivity training, active shooters etc.  Issue to be investigated further is affordable child care on campus. Currently students have one childcare option on campus and it is very expensive.  Next steps-put together info on how many graduate students have children.  Also, under review is leave policies such as medical leave for birth of a child. The purpose is to protect student funding.  IUPUI-GPSG shirt presented to Council. Discussed goal to break the silos between graduate program students. 8000 graduate students currently. Report given on allocation of funds-$18,000 for graduate students to attend conferences. | Information only.  Information only. |
| New Business | Graduate admission criteria. Discussed minimal requirements-GPA 3.0 or higher and have an undergraduate degree. Units may modify for their specific programs. | Information only. |
| **Adjourn** | **4:58 pm.** | **Next meeting November 27th 2017.** |