

Graduate Faculty Council Agenda

Monday, October 4, 2010

3:30-5:00pm

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Those present were Shirley Aamidor, Simon Atkinson, Jacqueline Blackwell, Alisa Clapp-Itnyre, David Daleke, Nick D'Amico, Deborah Finkel, Alyce Fly, John Hassel, Britney-Shea Herbert, Kathy Johnson, Sharon Sims, James Williams, James Wimbush, Marianne Wokeck

Those absent were George Bodmer, Maria Bucur-Deckard, Gail Hickey, Kevin Hunt, Eric Isaacson, Luise McCarty, Vicky Meretsky, Jill Murrell, Kate Myers, Martha Oakley, Tara Prater-Hobson, Sara Pryor, P.N. Saksena, Marty Siegel, Maxine Watson

Old Business:

Associate Dean Sherry Queener called the meeting to order and began by giving members the opportunity to voice needed changes to the minutes of the May 3, 2010 Graduate Faculty Council meeting. There were no comments — minutes are not yet approved.

New Business:

1. Dean Queener reported that the *ad hoc* Nominations Committee (Associate Dean David Daleke, Profs. Shirley Aamidor, Martha Oakley, James Williams) had received the following candidates for officers: James C. Williams for Chair; Gail Hickey and Jill Murrell for Vice Chair; and Alyce Fly for Secretary. Dean Queener asked for additional nominations or volunteers but received no response. James Williams stressed that the time of the meetings would have to be changed in order for him to run as Chair. There were no other volunteers. It was agreed that single names may appear on the ballot for an office.

A discussion of possible alternative meeting times followed. Those present agreed that early morning (8:00, 8:30 or 9:00) on Mondays or Thursdays 3:30-5:00 p.m. (excluding the first Thursday of the month) were workable. During the discussions, Alisa Clapp-Itnyre (IUE) volunteered to remain on the Council as a two-year member.

2. Report of the data release for the 2006 NRC Assessment of Research Doctorates (Associate Deans David Daleke and Sherry Queener)

- a. Dean Queener presented information to IUPUI chairs on October 4, 2010. She included the following points:
- This was the first time information on PhDs at IUPUI was included; therefore, IUPUI and IU benefitted.
 - We can access data and know what weights were applied and decide if we agree/disagree.
 - We can compare ourselves to our official institutional peers so the data is flexible.
- b. [Presentation by Dean Daleke to IUB Program Contacts \(September 23, 2010\)](#)
- Dean Daleke reminded group that the survey collected information on programs not departments.
 - Only some research doctoral fields were surveyed (i.e., not all doctoral fields were surveyed).
 - The survey was intended to be a resource for departments and students.
 - There were three purposes for the survey: to measure scholarly qualities of some programs; to provide information for graduate students; and to assess interdisciplinary information.
- c. [Preliminary analysis of IU results](#)
- The ranges of rankings are very important.
There was an increase in number of PhDs to under-represented students.
 - Overall the larger programs did better, but in Bloomington, the smallest programs did much better than larger programs.
 - Most doctorates are awarded by public universities.
 - Our faculty are not as diverse as are the students.
 - There were three classifications for faculty (new, core, and associated). It was often difficult to know how to interpret those divisions.
 - Provided us information on diversity...Dental Science (IUPUI) did very well in this regard.
 - Deans Daleke and Queener doubt that a similar survey will be repeated in the near future, but we may be able to delve into certain subsets of the survey.
 - Dean Daleke stated that we, the University Graduate School, want to know 1) how well do we support our students, and 2) how well do we facilitate their degree completion? Others want to look at 3) how many students apply and, if they did not come to IU, where did they go? Dean Wimbush stated placement data is very important (i.e., what are the stumbling blocks to completion and placement; and what are the different routes students take if not academia?).

- Dean Daleke referred to our exit survey, Survey of Earned Doctorates. We are interested in how students earn a living while in school and how a student's marital status might affect completion. To what extent does part-time employment hamper completion
 - We might look at the questions addressed in the old AAU exit survey.
- d. Useful links to the NRC data:
- a. NRC: <http://www.nap.edu/rdp>
 - b. The Chronicle of Higher Education: <http://chronicle.com/page/NRC-Rankings/321>
 - c. PhDs.org: <http://PhDs.org/>
 - d. It was mentioned that a scathing report on the NRC Survey was prepared by the University of Chicago.
3. Dean's report (Dean James Wimbush)
- The summer was quite beneficial, Dean Wimbush was part of a delegation to Germany, visiting six cities, and seven institutions in one week. Those institutions are doing the same things we are doing or wanting to do. The visit helped to shape priorities for the University Graduate School for this academic year: greater focus on degree completion, financial support, mentorship, and family support.
 - We want to set up workshops for faculty to enhance mentoring.
 - We want to help students cope with family illnesses by implementing a family medical leave for all graduate students. The College of Arts and Sciences-IUB currently has a policy in place.
 - We hope to provide workshops to help students look at other professional career options and how to prepare for them.
 - Dear Wimbush related that in terms of degree proposals, the current Board of Trustees is even more diligent in reviewing degree proposals (i.e., programs must be well prepared for questions from the current Board).
 - Dean Wimbush pointed out that University Graduate School staff have been very busy providing the following:
 - The first *Graduate Expo* at IUPUI
 - The first *Post Doc Day*
 - The upcoming *Getting You to IU* for our fourth year
 - The *IU Undergraduate Research Conference* at IUPUI
 - The *AGEPE Conference*
 - Academic Affairs workshops are coming up in November.
 - Some NRC Survey Workshops have been held.
 - There was a recent recruitment visit to China in which students were pre-selected for interview.

Dean Sherry Queener adjourned the meeting.
