**Indiana University Graduate Faculty Council**

**March 18, 2019**

**3:30 – 5:00 pm**

Present: Margaret Bauer, Bonnie Blazer-Yost, Janice Blum, Mary Bourke, Linda Charnes, David Daleke, Lessie Frazier, Dominque Galli, Lisa Gershkoff-Stowe, Kenneth Guerra, Tabitha Hardy, Edwina Helton, Mircea Ivan, Stacie King, Karen Kovacik, Yan Liu, Jane Mcleod, Landan Mintch, Massimo Ossi, Scooter Pegram, Barbara Pierce, Patrick Rooney, Jeff Rutherford, Scott Shackelford, Terry Shepherd Rebecca Slotegraaf, Liese Van Zee, Mary Waldron, Diane Willie, and James Wimbush

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| **TOPIC** | **ITEMS/DISCUSSIONS** | **OUTCOMES/DECISIONS** |
| Approval of minutes from Council meeting on January 28, 2019 |  | Minutes approved with corrections |
| Updates from the Dean | The April 15th Indiana University Resolution states that all institutions that are signatories to the resolution will not require students to accept financial aid with admission until April 15th. The idea behind this is to make sure that students have the opportunity to explore the full range of options and financial assistance they received from other institutions, and make the best decision that works for them. With increased competition for students, it also protects institutions by creating a more level playing field by preventing institutions from seeking a commitment from students immediately after they have been accepted into a program. The CGS board is evaluating the effectiveness of this resolution and we should hear from them about any changes by October 2019. Ryan Carlberg has been asked to sent GFC members copies of the April 15 Resolution letter and an April 15 Resolution FAQ.  The Office of Naval Research grant was awarded four years ago. The focus of this grant is the recruitment of underrepresented minorities in the STEM fields in partnership with minority-serving institutions. The Herbert-STEM initiative is multifaceted. There is a summer scholars institute where students are invited from our partner institutions. We currently have 13 partner institutions, HBCUs, as well a Hispanic serving institutions, serving institutions of tribal colleges. The Herbert-Summer Scholars Institute was evaluated to get a sense of how well the program was doing. The objectives were to increase students’ interest in research and increase interest in attending graduate school after completing the Institute. There have been 176 participants in the program. A survey is conducted every two years to determine if students are matriculating to graduate programs. The results of the surveys were positive. Out of 176 participants, 22 students completed or enrolled in Ph.D. programs, 7 completed or enrolled in M.D. programs, 5 have completed or enrolled in professional degree programs, and 33 have completed or enrolled in M.S. programs. Six students have completed or enrolled in doctoral programs at IUB or IUPUI, 1 has completed or enrolled in MD at IU School of Medicine, and 3 have completed or enrolled in M.S. programs at IUB or IUPUI. Ryan Carlberg will be sending an Executive Summary of the program to GFC members.  Another facet of the Herbert-STEM Initiative is faculty collaboration. Faculty from minority serving institutions are engaged with faculty at IU institutions for research collaboration. This program has been off to a very slow start. The Office of Naval Research grant has been significant in getting new partner institutions and getting some of the research collaboration started. The outcomes have been good so far. There is a brainstorming session with personnel from the Office of Naval Research on April 3rd to discuss next steps, which could include a new grant or an extension of the current grant. | Information only |
| Discussion Items | a. Update on GFC Elections for 2019-2020: The nomination period for the GFC elections is going to end Friday, March 22nd. Eighteen nominations were received, but 8 more nominations are needed from open units for vacated seats. Reminders will be sent tomorrow to graduate faculty. Not all graduate faculty received nomination forms. Jeff Rutherford will follow-up on this. After the nomination period is over, the election will commence and conclude before the GFC meeting on April 15th.  b. The following members have been elected to the Executive Committee of the GFC for 2019-2020:   * Chair: Mary Waldron * Vice-Chair: Dominique Galli * Secretary: Lessie Frazier   c. Discussion of CAPS Sessions for Graduate Students: Currently, students are allowed two free appointments at the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) per semester. The first appointment is an intake assessment to determine the appropriate services for the student. Two sessions are too low. The GFC should make a recommendation for the number of sessions graduate students are allowed. The two most common mental health difficulties for graduate students are anxiety and depression, and best practice is cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) at 12 sessions. This is based on the last 20 years of CBT research. Since student fees are paid per semester, one recommendation is for 6 sessions per semester exclusive of the intake session. The only insurance accepted without students filing separate paperwork is the IU provided graduate health insurance. Anthem or other health insurance cannot be used at the health center. Students could submit claims for reimbursement, but claims are not likely to be approved. Additionally, the graduate student health insurance may not include mental health services. The GFC may want to contact CAPS for an explanation as to how services are covered. | Information Only  Election of Executive Committee  Discussion: Recommendation for number of CAPS sessions for graduate students with mental health difficulties. |
| Standing Reports from Committees | * Academic Policy Committee: The Academic Policy Committee (APC) tabled the proposed bylaws of revisiting academic policies after they have been addressed. The committee agreed to take on the task of transfer credits, but that issue has been resolved with the clarification of the wording of two sections in the Graduate Bulletin. Programs could allow students to transfer courses up to 30% of the degree’s total credit hours. There was discussion of whether the wording change is a policy change, or if the wording in the bulletin was a guideline. The discussion will continue at the next GFC meeting. * Awards Committee: Nathalie Momplaisir has been selected the recipient of the Herbert Fellowship. There were six applicants for that award. Momplaisir was accepted into the IU School of Medicine IBMG (Indiana BioMedical Gateway) Ph.D. program.  Since most recommendations are approved by the council as a whole, it was recommended that the GFC vote on any actions submitted by the Awards Committee. Nathalie Momplaisir’s nomination was approved by the GFC. It was also suggested that in the future, the Awards Committee provide justification as to why an applicant received an award. * Diversity Issues Committee: The survey regarding the GRE has been sent with a March 27th deadline. It is hope that the results can be compiled in time for the next GFC meeting. Additionally, it was confirmed that the GRE is not a requirement for the Herbert fellowship or other diversity awards. * Graduate Initiatives Committee: Have not met. * Student Representatives: No Reports | Information Only  Discussion: Are changes to the Graduate Bulletin regarding transfer courses changes to policy?  Discussion  Approval of Nathalie Momplaisir as recipient of Herbert Fellowship.  Information |
| New Business | None |  |
| Adjournment | 4:59 |  |