

Graduate Faculty Council Minutes

December 6, 2010

3:30-5:00pm

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1. Attendance

Those present were Jacqueline Blackwell, Alisa Clapp-Itnyre, David Daleke, Nick D'Amico, Deborah Finkel, Alyce Fly, John Hassel, Britney-Shea Herbert, Gail Hickey, Kevin Hunt, Kathy Johnson, Luise McCarty, Vicky Meretsky, Jill Murrell, Sherry Queener, Maxine Watson, James C. Williams, and Marianne Wokeck.

Those absent were Shirley Aamidor, Simon Atkinson, George Bodmer, Maria Bucur-Deckard, Eric Isaacson, Kate Myers, Martha Oakley, Tara Prater-Hobson, Sara Pryor, P.N. Saksena, Marty Siegel, Sharon Sims, and James Wimbush.

Visitors: He Fong (an observer from Peking University participating in the Staff Exchange Program from the University Graduate School, Peking University), Dong Fong (student from IU School of Education working with Heidi Ross to learn how graduate operations work)

2. Minutes from November 1, 2010 were approved as corrected. (Hassel, Wokeck) Approved minutes will be posted on Oncourse site.
3. Announcements: January 10, 2011 at 3:30pm; Gail Hickey will chair the meeting. *[This meeting was subsequently cancelled.]*
4. Dean's Report (Dean James Wimbush was out of town) was presented by the Associate Deans. Associate Dean S. Queener reported that she, J. Wimbush, D. Daleke and M. Watson had been to the National Meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools. Highlights of the meeting were methods for assessment of doctoral programs, interesting ways to fund PSM (professional science master's) programs, and general networking. Associate Dean Daleke also highlighted the assessment of doctoral programs, including long term vs immediate success of doctoral students. Currently an exit survey is conducted (137 questions). The Association of Graduate Schools has commissioned and implemented a different survey. At IU the surveys are being combined to provide all the data that AGS wants as well as maintaining our database to measure immediate assessment. A midpoint evaluation of progress in the program is needed for masters and doctoral graduate students, and long range outcomes assessment for the students are also needed. CGS is interested conducting this type of a project. D. Daleke mentioned that ProQuest's sale of dissertation yields royalty payment for the students and students are very interested in staying in contact with ProQuest in order to continue receiving royalties. CGS President suggested that collaborating on the project with ProQuest would be a good way to stay in touch with students.

5. Terms for elected members were finalized as follows:

1 year term	2 year term
IUB – Bucur-Deckard, Maria	IUB - Fly, Alyce
IUB – McCarty, Luise	IUB – Hunt, Kevin
IUB – Meretsky, Vicky	IUB – Isaacson, Eric
IUB – Myers, Kate	IUB – Oakley, Martha
IUB – Pryor, Sarah	IUB – Siegel, Marty
IUPUI – Atkinson, Simon	IUPUI – Blackwell, Jacqueline
IUPUI – Hassel, John	IUPUI – Johnson, Kathy
IUPUI – Murrell, Jill	IUPUI – Herbert, Britney-Shea
IUPUI - Sims, Sherry	IUPUI – Williams, Jim
IUPUI – Wokeck, Marianne	
IUNW – Bodmer, George	IUE – Clapp-Itnyre, Alisa
IUSE – Finkel, Deborah	IUFW – Hickey, Gail
IUSB – Saksena, P.N.	IUK – Aamidor, Shirley

Motion to approve terms passed. (Blackwell, Hickey)

6. Establishment of the GFC committees: John Hassel, Eric Isaacson, Martha Oakley, Jim Williams and Britney-Shea Herbert either volunteered or were nominated to fill vacant positions on the committees. The final committees were constituted as follows.

Academic Policy Committee (2 IUPUI, 2 IUB, 1 other campus)

Sherry Sims (IUPUI)
 Shirley Aamidor (IUK)
 Vicky Meretsky (IUB)
 Luise McCarty (IUB)
 Jill Murrell (IUPUI)

Awards Committee (2 IUPUI, 2 IUB, 1 other campus)

Eric Isaacson (IUB)
 Martha Oakley (IUB)
 Alisa Clapp-Itnyre (IUE)
 Britney-Shea Herbert (IUPUI)
 Jim Williams (IUPUI)

Graduate Initiatives Committee (2 IUPUI, 2 IUB, 1 other campus)

Jacqueline Blackwell (IUPUI)
 John Hassel (IUPUI)
 Alyce Fly (IUB)
 Kevin Hunt (IUB)
 Deborah Finkel (IUSE)

General Charge to committees: Select a chair.

Charges specific to each committee:

Awards committee – (There are 3 awards that have been assigned to this committee).

This committee should first review and select the Wells Graduate Fellowship Recipients – D. Daleke reported that there were 20 applications from doctoral students to review. The remaining work for this committee will be the Master's theses and PhD dissertation awards (the Esther Kingsley Awards). The Master's Awards competition was already held in the fall. The deadline for the PhD competition will be in late February and committee evaluations are to be made in March, with notification to be made right after spring break and then an awards ceremony will be held in early April. The Masters awardees were nominated for the Midwest Association for Graduate Programs Master's Thesis award and the PhD dissertation winners, if they are on the right cycle for the topic area, will be nominated for the Council of Graduate Schools National PhD Dissertation Awards.

Graduate Initiatives Committee – The initial charge to Graduate Initiatives Committee was to examine online PhD degrees. It was suggested that information also be gathered from Sherri Sims since all core courses are available online for the PhD in Nursing. Consider reexamining the online PhD discussion, there is concern about the eroding the quality of the PhD. This has come up because of knowledge of a proposal for an online EdD. Graduate School is interested in knowing what Graduate Faculty Council thinks about the issue.

7. New business

- a. Clarification of Article IV. Section 1 of Bylaws- The intent was that Chairs of each committee be members of the council, not someone from outside or administrators. It was not specified how Chairs would be selected. J. Williams indicated that he would charge the committees by email.
- b. Discussion on language to insert into bylaws as to how a new member is chosen when a member is not able to serve out his/her term. [for consideration as Section 5 under Article II]

Draft language was discussed by K. Hunt:

...If a member of the Council is unable or unwilling to complete his/her term on the Council, then, the next place nominee on the ballot from that unit will be asked to assume membership on the Council. If there is no such person or the next place nominee does not wish to serve, nominations will be accepted from that unit, and the Graduate Faculty Council will elect a replacement member from the new nominations.

A motion was made and seconded (Hunt, Hassel) for approval of draft language to be inserted. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote was taken (of membership in attendance). It was recognized that there were not enough members present to make this change to the Bylaws. J. It was agreed that J. Williams would conduct a vote on the motion by the members not present, through email.

- c. Review of additional new items to assign to committee for discussion and recommendation

- i. (Academic Policy Committee)-D. Daleke discussed the trend in some disciplines to allow students to collect a number of publications to be the core chapters of the dissertation and then write an original introduction and conclusion chapter. The Graduate School has not allowed this, in lieu of formal policy by the Graduate Faculty Council. The main problem with this is that it raises questions about authorship of the dissertation, that is, combining a number of publications that may be co-authored makes it difficult to assign sole authorship to a dissertation. The Graduate School would like this issue and the issue of dissertations in general discussed by the Graduate Faculty Council (dissertation content or format).
- ii. (Academic Policy Committee)A second related question deals with whether the dissertation defense could be held electronically, e.g. by Polycom. Should the dissertator be somewhere other than back on campus with their advisor, or can they be alone and Skype their presence. This is not currently permitted.
- iii. Question about how much documentation should be required to be able to go through graduation. One problem is that a number of students are applying to go through graduation before defending the exam. The Graduate School would like some rules in place by December 2011 graduation. The University Graduate School will outline some ideas then would like some input from Graduate Faculty Council, to get some agreement on some organizing principles.

J. Williams finished the discussion by indicating that he would meet with A.Fly, G. Hickey, D. Daleke and S. Queener to prepare a charge for each of the committees.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm passed unanimously. (Hassel, Wokeck)