**Indiana University Graduate Faculty Council**

**18 November 2019**

**2:00 – 3:30 pm**

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| Present: William Allegrezza, Lucas Adams, Margaret Bauer, Janice Blum, Calli Curley (for Deena Carson), David Daleke, Jill Fehrenbacher |

Lessie Frazier, Dominque Galli, Spencer Hall, Tabitha Hardy, Edwina Helton, Amanda Diekman (for Edward Hirt), Tabitha Hardy, Mircea Ivan, Lee Kahan, Stacie King, Karen Kovacik, John Macy, Larry Moss, Massimo Ossi, Fred Pavalko, Benjamin Perrin, Gloria Preece, Scott Shackelford, Terry Shepherd, Rebecca Slotegraaf, Mary Waldron, Diane Willie, Vincent Starnino, Justin Williams, James Wimbush, Katie Kearns

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| **TOPIC** | **ITEMS/DISCUSSIONS** | **OUTCOMES/DECISIONS** |
| Approval of minutes |  | Minutes approved |
| Updates from the Dean | Dean Wimbush  Commended report from marketing communications group [see appendix]. Covers all programs and features some student work from all campuses. Hard copy available and by link.  Council of Grad schools annual meeting in December coming up. Dean Winbush moderating session on sexual harassment and bullying.  Mary conveys update from Jeff Rutherford on progress in website archiving of current and past reports and minutes for greater public access | Information only  Question: [Mary] Task force on grad student mental health update? Two years ago the task force was heavy on undergrad issue which was why we recommended a grad-focus task force.  Dean: Discussed in grad deans meeting and there is work done on this and a report from last year. There were a lot of efforts on this issue and we need to put these together and update next meeting.  Margaret: I’ll send in past three year’s reports. |
| Presentation | Katherine Kearns, Vice-Provost for Student Development, University Graduate School  [See power point appendix] Presented on scope of her office as prelude to thinking about future collaborations. Longstanding interest in well-being of graduate students as whole-persons. Sends a weekly email on professional development opportunities.  Partnerships: CIRTL (STEM); Imagine PHD and Versatile PHD on ideas about “career families” Now encouraging faculty to check these out so they can convey to students. Data on who comes here and what they do when they leave.  Stress experienced by international graduate students, esp. when many resources are not available to them. Trying to find out more about what is and is not available to students. | Information/Discussion  Q: Can faculty join this email list? Katie: Thinking about how to do this.  Q: Do you take events we send to you? Katie: Keep to campus level events.  Q: how long?  Katie: Started in Fall with about 20 participants  Rebecca: Are these kinds of programs [like Money Smarts] a good use of resources compared with using resources toward student funding? Katie:  Money Smarts is already there so we can make sure it works towards grad students.  David: Part of financial literacy concern over student debt. Programs to help them minimize grad student debt and manage undergrad debt. Pulling those resources would not amount to much in terms of student support. Mary: Fees…  When Katie and I met, I was struck with overlap with our committees.  For example, Rebecca’s committee and issue of leaves. Katie: Looking into what units are doing. David: We had a policy for paid student leaves, but couldn’t afford to continue it. Students gaming the system. We need something more comprehensive. Both pay and academic issues need to be considered. Katie: College leave policy is available. No paid leave.  Mary: Let’s set up individual committee meetings with Katie.  David: Lack of student services by our office and now we have this and the best person for this job. Mary: Do you have support staff? Do other campuses have this? Katie: We have a data specialist. Janice: We have assistant deans and less resources but we provide what we can. Collaboration is key. We appreciate your advocacy. David: Katie’s position is in the Vice-Provost’s line more than the grad school. Katie: Glad to talk with a collective of people.  Spencer: How do students talk with you? How do they know to talk with you? Katie: Email. Word of mouth. Know students from prior position. Always trying to circle back around to the most local level. Massimo: Outreach to School of Music? Katie: Working with career office and faculty who are interested in exploring diversity of career options.  David: Katie also runs  Office of Postdoctoral Affairs. Katie: Monthly meet-n-greets with postdocs. Starting to self-organize. Co-involve grad students and postdocs. |
| Year-End Summary Reports from Committees | Awards Committee: [Karen] Distinguished master’s award was handled and now embarking on second phase of deliberation on Wells Dissertation Fellowship. Will be working with committee soon on procedure for Wells.  Diversity Issues Committee: [Stacy] We clarified that we’ll need to have a vote to change committee name next meeting.  Question of need for data on issue of grad stipends impact underrepresented students. Consulted with relevant offices and wonder whether it is a lack of information or need to support current efforts on improving stipends.  Graduate Initiatives Committee: [Scott] Working on survey. Found report on fee structures and need to decide what else to do with this data.  Academic Policy Committee: [Rebecca] Auditing courses. IUB campus concerns that students wait until end of semester to change from taking course for credit to auditing. Creates problems for Registrar. It is becoming a pervasive problem.  Committee discusses policy recommendation that students have no more than 3 weeks to change to audit status; faculty can impose earlier deadline or reject request. Registrar looking for direction on this.  Rebecca: Talk about transfer credit at January meeting.  GPSG: Assembly still working on resolution to support grad workers but still need to figure out how to make demand more inclusive.  Justin’s report will be attached as appendix. | Information Only  Mary: How are resources on getting reviews done?  Karen: We did ok on first award but we could get many more Wells applications and it would be possible to have a couple of people.  Mary: Committee needs to discuss how it wants to pull in additional reviewers in time for Wells deadline.  Karen: I will send out a note asking for volunteers. Be mindful that request will be coming. We have a January deadline. We’ll need to know by mid-Dec. who can help.  Rebecca: Now more competitive to recruit URM students if stipends are too low.  Dominique: Interested in retention and issues beyond financial.  David: Bianca Evans in our office has some of this data.  All of our students have financial challenges; URM have re-location needs and burden of previous loans. Recruiting is a problem.  Mary: What about e-app data as potentially useful.  Dean Winbush: E-App useful for tracking.  David: No definite date for survey. Target is all IUB graduate students.  Rebecca: Not clear why this is on increase. Students do not have to be passing to switch. Do not need instructor’s permission to switch to audit (says you do online but registrar says ok).  Janice: Still have to pay regardless. Propose that registrars on other campuses be asked if this is an issue? Why is this a problem? Mary: Stats at school of ed has lots of auditors taking up instructional resources. Janice: But they pay. Margaret: Issue is that they wait until the end of the term to avoid failing.  Janice: But if they need the class, they’ll have to take it again.  Q: Question of student autonomy. Please clarify, in what way is this a problem for registrar?  Rebecca: Don’t see need for survey of dept. chairs but glad to ask the registrar and ask them to clarify what is the issue. Need to see what is happening across campuses. |
| Items for Discussion 2019-2020 | New business tabled. |  |
| Adjournment | 3:30 |  |

**Appendix:**

Updates regarding GPSG at IUPUI.

1. We have experienced a transition in leadership. Our president Molly Connor was appointed to the board of trustees and therefore must step down from her leadership role in GPSG. Our vice president Kenny Akinro will take over the role as president, and Molly will continue to stay involved as a representative of the McKinney School of Law in our general assembly.
2. Before Thanksgiving we will wrap up our short survey aimed to determine what GPSG can do to better serve graduate students at IUPUI, and will begin analyzing the data received thus far.
3. I have shared your message regarding the eligibility medical students on satellite campuses to apply for travel awards through GPSG with the IUSM student council.