**Graduate Faculty Council Minutes**

**Date and Time: 1-26-2016 3:30 to 5:00pm.**

**Members absent: S. Bischoff, A. Massey, C. Ochoa, E. Mackay.**Archive URL: <http://www.indiana.edu/~video/stream/launchflash.html?folder=video&filename=Graduate_Facility_Council_20160125.mp4>

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| **TOPIC** | **ITEMS/DISCUSSION** | OUTCOMES/DECISIONS |
| 1. Approval of minutes from Council meeting on Nov. 16, 2015 | Quorum established. | MOTION: To accept the minutes.  VOTE: Unanimous acceptance. |
| 1. Updates from the Dean James Wimbush | Dean James Wimbush stated that he is very grateful to the committee for their work in organizing the Graduate Faculty Council, and for those individuals accepting leadership positions.  Good news to Announce:   1. At the Annual Council of Graduate Schools meeting in Seattle, Dean Wimbush experienced a proud moment, as part of Indiana University, when Timo Schaefer received the 2015 award in Humanities and Fine Arts for his dissertation, “The Social Origins of Justice: Mexico in the Age of Utopian Failure, 1821-1870.” Schaefer was selected from 71 other nominees nationwide. The award is the most prestigious accolade for recent dissertation work. Schaefer is the first IU graduate student to win since the awards inception in 1982. He now works as a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of History at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Schaefer provided an overview of his research and did a fantastic job of describing his research and the impact on current times. 2. Indiana University was invited, as a graduate school, to participate in the CIRTL Network which is the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning. They are committed to advancing the teaching of STEM disciplines in higher education. The CIRTL mission is to enhance excellence in undergraduate education through the development of a national faculty committed to implementing and advancing effective teaching practices for diverse learners as part of successful and varied professional careers. Dean Wimbush articulated that CIRTL’s values are consistent with IU and IUPUI. The application was submitted and accepted for IU as a system school. | Information only.  Congratulations to Dr. Schaefer. |
| 1. Results of polling, voting since last meeting 2. Committee assignments and charges 3. Elections of new GFC members | Discussion on charges for each committee  Academic Policy committee: It shall be the responsibility of this committee to make recommendations to the Council regarding development and review of academic policies of the University Graduate School, unresolved curricular remonstrance, and graduate program review.  Awards Committee: The duties of the Awards Committee shall be to review applications for the annual award competitions administered by the School, and to review applications for external award competitions.  Graduate Initiatives Committee: The duties of the Graduate Initiatives Committee shall be to review the current activities of the School and the Graduate Council and propose new initiatives as appropriate. The Committee shall also make recommendations to the Council regarding the introduction of new graduate degrees or graduate certificate programs developed on any campus in the Indiana University system. Review if Diversity Issues Committee to become a standing committee.  Diversity Committee shall review current state of diversity at Indiana university. The Diversity Issues Committee shall:   1. Review the current state of diversity within the graduate programs at IU, including both faculty and students; 2. Develop goals for inclusion and diversity in the University Graduate School; and 3. Advisory role for Deans and Associate Deans of the UGS on issues related to diversity and inclusion.   Call out for volunteers to chair committees:  Academic Policy committee: Rachel Applegate  Awards Committee: Jennifer lence  Graduate Initiatives: Patricia McManus  Diversity Committee: Christiana Ochoa  Discussion on future elections for the Graduate Council Committee. | Information only.  Council agreed to volunteers by consensus.  The Council voted to postpone general elections for new council members until Spring, 2017.  At that time, ½ the seats will be up for election, and half the seats will retain their current representatives until Spring, 2018.   22 yes to 2 no votes to delay elections of committee members. |
| 1. Discussion items 2. Council member terms 3. Process for replacing council members 4. College Fiscal Sustainability Task Force Report—Carolyn Calloway-Thomas 5. Principles of Graduate Education—Mary Bourke | Need the committee to decide who is going to rotate off in 2017 and 2018. Terms.  Process of filling vacancies. Not addressed in bylaws. Process to fill temporary or permanent vacancies discussion.  College of Arts and Sciences Bloomington: Fiscal Sustainability task force recommendations presented by Carolyn Calloway-Thomas.  Focus on curricular innovations and new offerings.  Develop fee generating masters degrees without cannibalizing current programs.  Expand offerings in high growth areas, for example business and public administration.  Create new masters programs that build on college strengths and existing resources.  Expand potential markets, for example online domestic and international outreach.  Revenue streams, creating new models.  Pathways to masters and certificate programs.  Attract students early in their career.  Principles of Graduate Education | President to query council members to determine preferences regarding rotation of their council seat.  Voting item: If a council member cannot attend a GFC meeting will the sub have the authority to vote? 8 no 13 yes, and 1 abstention. Motion passed.  .  Can someone else on the committee vote for someone who is absent from a meeting? Can proxy be another council member? 1 yes 20 no. Motion failed.  For semester or yearlong absences the GFC member appoints someone as their replacement while they are away. Council to verify that the substitute person is eligible. 21 yes, unanimous vote. Motion passed.  Discussion only  Invite someone from online IU  Set of policies for online graduate education. Academic affairs will discuss and identifying who should decides on this. What our role is in this process.  Discussion on projected decrease in future freshman enrollment due to smaller populations of high school graduates in Indiana, thus increase emphases on graduate programs. Do we need a GFC set of “Principles for Graduate Education?”  Discussion: Better to focus on best practices than principles. Distance Education committee: Quality matters, focus on teaching/learning. Academic Policy committee to review role of GFC in setting standards. |
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