Meeting begins 3:34

Attendance:

IUB: Claudia Johnson, Troy Smith, Patricia McManis, Carolyn Calloway-Thomas, Malcolm Smith, Jeff Rutherford, Adam Reneker, James Wimbush, Vivian Halloran, David Daleke

IUPUI: Janice Blum, Andrew Winship, Millie Georgiadis, Yan Liu, Tabitha Hardy, Diane Von Ah

Regional: Susan Zinner, Terry Shepard, Mary Bourke, Debbie Finkel, Edwina Helton

Jennifer Lentz - recorder

Minutes from 1/23/2017 approved

1. Announcements—guests for the March 20 GFC meeting

1. Dr. Maria Hamilton Abegunde, Director of the Graduate Mentoring Center, will join us in March to tell us about the Graduate Mentoring Center
2. Dr. Mary Price, Director of Faculty Development, Center for Service and Learning, will also join us in March; she will discuss service learning in graduate education.

2. Updates from the Dean Wimbush

McNair grant at Bloomington campus: Recall McNair is for 1st generation, low-income students to prep for grad school. ~12 students in program. Good success in graduate school placement: Students have been admitted to Minnesota, Cornell, UCSB, UUIC, Boston, UC Merced, Michigan, Colorado Boulder, among others. This is one of better years re: graduate placement, but really not unusual. 19th year of program.

Recent issues with plagiarism at the graduate level. These are alarming cases; biggest worry is that degrees may be rescinded. Purdue has a policy to submit all dissertations to turnitin.com, and Dean Wimbush would like the GFC to consider a policy. Policy could be implemented by individual programs, not the grad school. Plagiarism is a serious issue that has ramifications for students, faculty, and institution. In some cases, faculty have had journal articles withdrawn.

On Wednesday, the university graduate school will have its annual budget conference, and this is an opportunity to make financial requests. The plan is to ask for “major” money to support items we cannot support ourselves. This year, we will request same amount as last year, which is essentially money for regional campuses and includes professional development funds and student fellowships.

Follow-up from last meeting: International admissions are down. Further, there is likely to be a new executive order issued this week. Expect that the new order is broader and will include additional non-muslim countries, thereby affecting more students. Attorneys suggest this one will be more difficult to challenge. Ramifications: Concern for current students and a downturn in applications.

Update on capital campaign: includes fellowships and scholarships. IUB: 125 target fellowships. Awarded 83 (66% of goal). For scholarships, raised goal from 500 to 1500 and have awarded 1516 (102%). For IUPUI, 15 fellowships, awarded 8 (53%). Scholarships: 250, already at 347 (139%). School of medicine (SOM): 15 fellowships (funded 1). Scholarships: 250, at 185. Regional campuses: 400 scholarships only (268 funded).

Troy: inquiries about what we should say to these students affected by the travel ban. Dean Wimbush indicated that we should refer students to materials put forth by president so that we are mindful of consistent messaging.

Carolyn indicated that she will add plagiarism issue to agenda in March meeting.

Discussion items

1. Update: Nominations for Spring elections of new GFC reps

Currently in process of electing ½ of council. Constitution says we need a nominations committee, but Margaret had recommended that the graduate initiatives committee can be the nominations committee. All GFC members would generate nominees – across various campuses. The graduate initiative committee would then review this list and approach those candidates. Moved that the graduate initiative committee serve as the nomination committee. Motion passes.

Time table. By March 15th, need a slate of nominees. Elections the first week of April. There is an issue with the SOM on whether they can serve on IUPUI committees, but seems that for the time being they can serve on the committees.

Committee members invited to submit names for nominations.

2. Preliminary Results on the Survey re PhD Minors

Jeff Rutherford issued a survey targeted at graduate program directors to engage assessment of the minor requirement. If there is an overwhelming recommendation for a change, then we can target a survey to the graduate faculty.

Currently at 35% response rate. Survey consists of 6 questions designed to evaluate the role of the minor in various departments. For the question of “Would your program support retaining, revising, or eliminate minor” Current results are: 51% retain; 16% revise; 20% eliminate; 12% undec. And “If minor were not a univ requirement, would your depart require it”: 46% yes, 22% no, 32% no.

The committee inquired/discussed trends across the units. Jeff indicated that at this point, it’s difficult, but those giving feedback to eliminate the minor is mildly associated with N&M disciplines.

Discussion of whether we should end the survey given that a majority want to keep the minor. Jeff indicated that survey will run another week - value in the written feedback in addition to general question results.

3. Principles of Graduate Learning

Update by Janice Blum - Margaret distributed a document that includes best practices in courses of degree programs. These practices have been adopted by a variety of IU programs, and each department can tailor the principles. Purdue is developing similar guidelines for their programs. These principles may help departments develop new programs and courses. The committee agreed that the document was helpful and informative.

4. Standing Reports/Updates from Committees

* Academic Policy Committee – No report
* Awards Committee – Carolyn Reporting for Jody Sundt. Update: currently reviewing for the Herbert awards. 5 students have been nominated, and 5 fellowships. Committee requests that the diversity committee review these awards. Justification is that a key part of award is to rate department or unit’s diversity plan in addition to student’s record. There is also a workload issue. Diversity committee indicated that perhaps they could evaluate the diversity plan but that the awards committee should still make the final assessment. This would allow a more holistic view, with the same committee making the determination on all graduate school awards. David Daleke indicated that he felt this was a good suggestion; these awards are different from the others. They are recruitment awards, awarded for 4 years, and we don’t need to award them all.
* Diversity Issues Committee - No report.
* Graduate Initiatives Committee – Patricia McManis is currently collecting data on title IX training at IUB. IUPUI update: The current vendor of title IX training is going to be phased out. Unclear what is happening there. Spring semester 2017 is the first time **ALL graduate students have been invited** to take the MyStudentBody course on sexual violence. This is already required of UG students. Graduate students who are Student Academic Appointees and meet the definition of responsible employee are required to take the online training module titled “Sexual Misconduct. Responsible Employees, including SAAs, are required to take the training on an **annual basis.** Aside from the required annual training for responsible employees and the MyStudentBody training offered to all graduate students, there are no campus-wide policies for ongoing or additional training, for example, annual follow-ups to the MyStudentBody module. Follow-ups are recommended by the Title IX office.

The committee discussed how these requirements are enforced. Few faculty and students have taken this training, and many are not even aware it is required. IUPUI relies on graduate advisors and had administration support. Purdue has a mandate and will not allow students to register for classes without completion of training. There is no mechanism for enforcement at IU. Because we are just in data collection phase, the committee has not made recommendations and can consider possibilities for ensuring the requirement is met.

* Committee charged with making some recommendations.
* Reports from Student Representatives - to come at March meeting

1. New Business – none. Reminder: Nominations should be in March 15th. Send nominations to Carolyn.
2. Adjournment

*Next Meeting: March 20, 2017*

*Adj. 4:50*