**Graduate Faculty Council Minutes**

**Date and Time: 9-18-2017, 3:30 to 4:58 pm.**

**Members absent:** Joe Bidwell, Millie Georgiadis, Cheryl Warner

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| **TOPIC** | **ITEMS/DISCUSSION** | OUTCOMES/DECISIONS |
| Charges for the Committees of the IU Graduate Faculty Council | **Academic Policy Committee:**1. *Description per GFC Bylaws*: 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.
2. *Current Charge*: The Academic Policy committee, in collaboration with Asst. Dean Jeff Rutherford, will continue to review the ‘front material’ in the Graduate Bulletin and recommend changes in order to clarify policies, procedures, etc., therein and to update any information that may no longer reflect current best practices in graduate education. Specific items include developing a university-wide policy regarding the number of credits (or courses) of graduate non-degree work that can apply toward a graduate degree, and bringing all campus bulletins in alignment with the policy; develop a policy on screening for plagiarism in theses & dissertations, including determining responsible parties and documentation.

**Awards Committee:**1. *Description per GFC Bylaws*: 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.
2. *Current Charge*: In addition to reviewing applications for internal and external graduate award competitions, the Awards Committee will review processes that ensure timely distribution of information about internal and external graduate award competitions to all applicable graduate programs.

**Graduate Initiatives Committee:**1. *Description per GFC Bylaws*: 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.
2. *Current Charge*: This committee will take up the following three issues: Working with the Vice-Chair, the committee will develop a timeline and process for election of new GFC representatives. The committee will also review and make a recommendation on the utility of requiring endorsed status for serving on the GFC. Finally, the committee will review and recommend changes to the Bylaws regarding dates for GFC meetings that conflict with campus and university holidays.

**Diversity Issues Committee:**1. *Description per GFC Bylaws*: The duties of the Diversity Issues Committee shall be to review the current state of diversity within the graduate programs at IU, including both faculty and students. The Diversity Issues committee develops goals for inclusion and diversity in the University Graduate School and advises the Dean and Associate Deans of the UGS on issues related to diversity and inclusion.
2. *Current Charge*: This committee will review and organize resources gathered by last year’s committee for holistic review of graduate applications from diverse students and develop a guideline for distribution to admissions committees across IU.
 | *In consultation with Deans Wimbush, Blum, and Daleke, the Executive Committee developed the following charges for the Standing Committees of the GFC for the academic year 2017-18.*GFC Canvas site: <https://iu.instructure.com/courses/1506992>our website: <http://www.indiana.edu/~gfc/> |
| **Elect new chairs** | Election of new chairs discussion and voting.Questions regarding committees. Discussion on various methods used for committee members to meet, Zoom etc.University wide Policies can be found in the bulletin (graduate).Discussion: HLC issued expected dual credit courses to be offered online. 18 graduate level credit hours in the discipline. IU is now accepting graduate degree proposals. Collaborative across all campuses-online programs.  | **Awards Committee already elected Chair.*** Academic Policy Committee- Elected as chair-Patrick Rooney
* Awards Committee had to select a chair before this meeting due to application deadlines. Elected as chair-Kristy Sheeler.
* Graduate Initiatives Committee- Elected as Chair-Millie Georgiadis.
* Diversity Issues Committee-Elected as Chair-Rebecca Slotegraaf.

Thank you to all 4 chairs who volunteered.  |
| **Approval of minutes from Graduate Faculty Council meeting on 4/17/2017** | Quorum established. | MOTION: To accept the minutes.VOTE: Unanimous vote. Approved |
| **Council Vacancies** | Announcements* 1. two vacancies on the Council; election will be held in affected units (BL-4, BL-7)
 | A process is now taking place to seek volunteers. Bloomington will move forward with election in units. Hopefully, GFC will have the results in October.  |
| **Updates from Dean Wimbush****Student Representative Report****Introductions** | Reports from Student Representatives.Graduate Student Representatives are working on health and safety issues, expanding programs, and coordination. Their goal is to break down the silos between graduate programs. In addition they want to expand the graduate professional grant which netted 60,000. Their focus is on the needs of 8000 graduate students within the IU system. | Dean Wimbush was not able to attend. Will provide updates at the next meeting. |
| 1. Discussion items/New Business
 |  | **No new business** |
| **Adjourn** | **4:58 pm.** |  |