

Graduate Faculty Council Minutes

DRAFT

Monday, November 5, 2012

3:30-5:00pm

Video Bridge 245665

Bloomington, Franklin Hall 106
Indianapolis, University IT 121 (2012 meetings)
East, Whitewater WZ 119
Fort Wayne, UITS installation on members computer

Kokomo, Main Bldg KO 111
Northwest, Hawthorne HH 105
Southeast, Crestview Hall 028A, access 1 5 3 #
South Bend, Northside Hall 038

Those present were George Bodmer, Alisa Clapp-Itnyre, David Daleke, Alyce Fly, Gail Hickey, James C. Williams, James Wimbush, Jody Smith.

Those absent were Shirley Aamidor, Simon Atkinson, Jacqueline Blackwell, Maria Bucur-Deckard, Nick D'Amico, Deborah Finkel, John Hassel, Britney-Shea Herbert, Kevin Hunt, Eric Isaacson, Kathy Johnson, Luise McCarty, Vicky Meretsky, Jill Murrell, Kate Myers, Martha Oakley, Tara Prater-Hobson, Sara Pryor, Sherry Queener, P.N. Saksena, Marty Siegel, Sharon Sims, Maxine Watson, Marianne Wokeck.

1. Dean's report: Dean Wimbush updated the GFC on several items. He reported Sherry Queener was not here because of the visit of the North Central accreditation team. In terms of transition to a UA-type of organization, the transition has taken place, there is just one budget (there are some individual accounts for fellowships and campus priorities) – In April the President said UGS would be reporting to the Provost at Bloomington Provost and Chancellor at IUPUI; in September, the President added the Vice for Regional Planning and Policy, John Applegate. IU now has an appropriate structure for support of graduate education at all campuses. This new structure, together with a University Graduate School has already facilitated a new grant award for preparing future faculty. The planning is now underway for the undergraduate research conference, November 16, at IUPUI campus with currently over 200 registrations. In October, he made a presentation to the Board of Trustees during the academic update portion of the meeting. Their focus is on what we are doing to ensure quality, so he spoke about quality measures, giving an overview of the student profile, and challenges of a graduate education. He talked about efforts to increase gender and diversity of underrepresented students – reporting improvements in numbers due to university programs. For graduate student enrollment in 2012 compared to 2007, there was a 5% increase in African Americans, 3.5% for Hispanic students, 13% increase in women in Life Sciences, and 21% in Physical and Earth Sciences. For time to completion of the PhD, the average at IU was 6.8 years where the national average is 10.1 years; 56% of IU students complete the PhD in 7 years, where the national average is 45%; completion within 10 years is 62% compared to the national average of 54%.

He repeated mention about the recent Grant Award from the Council of Graduate Schools, and thanked Nacharra Mitchell and Maxine Watson for their work on the application. UGC was also awarded a McNair grant ($\$1.1 \times 10^6$) for the Bloomington campus, again prepared by Maxine Watson. There are several more proposals in the process of being submitted, two AGAP proposals, the LASS Alliance and a CIC institutional AGAP proposal, both proposals focus on post docs.

The UGS is also working on career opportunities for doctoral students, and plan to administer a survey developed by University of California Berkeley to track placement, that is to follow where students go will help inform us of the type of opportunities available and how to better prepare the students.

Associate Dean Dalake reported that he was working on several international initiatives, including recruitment of more students from Chenwa (sp?) University; this includes a summer undergraduate research program to bring the students to IU during the summer. To enhance the program, they submitted a grant to Council on Graduate Schools to provide training in the Responsible Conduct of Research to these students. While it was not funded, they plan to implement the program anyway.

He also recently traveled to Beijing to participate in an annual recruiting fair. Lastly, he recently spoke to group touring Indiana from Russia, the Higher School of Economics in Moscow Russia and some were from Moscow State. He spoke to them about the organization structure here, and the connection may help to bring more collaborations between the institutions in the future.

2. Future of the GFC 2012-2013 (Williams). Jim Williams reported that he would not be able to continue on the Council this spring due to spring schedule conflicts. He indicated that he would spend the next month identifying people within the Council to serve to ensure continuity through the next year. Associate Dean Daleke reported that the Graduate School could run the election on behalf of the Council, if they are given some nominations. He asked that a motion be made to approve the administration of the election by the Graduate School. (Hickey moved, Bodner seconded). The motion passed. Associate Dean Daleke indicated it would be shorter if an election did not need to be run on each campus, and that maintaining some continuity through current members would be useful. Alisa Clapp-Itnyre volunteered to serve for IU East. Gail Hickey IPFW volunteered to run the meetings as co-Chair during spring semester.
3. Associate Dean Daleke listed a 3 academic items that are pressing:
 - 1) *guidelines defending dissertation/theses using video technology*- The current procedure that they are using for requests is to approve video technology as long as the candidate and chair are both present on campus where the degree is to be awarded, and to encourage as many of the committee members as possible to also be present in person. They would like to draft a policy document for Council approval.
 - 2) *Composition* of the dissertation – requests from several departments that they be comprised of published articles that have been bookended with a newly authored introduction and conclusion chapter. UGC indicated that it is difficult to evaluate the contribution of multi-authored articles of the candidate to the work.
 - 3) *Creating a self-designed major for a PhD*

Lastly, Jim Williams indicated PN Saksena from IUSB has asked to step down from the Graduate Council. George Bodmer suggested an election on his campus might generate some interest in the Council. Jim Williams will contact the chairs of the subcommittees to make sure they will continue their work. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm. (Hickey, Clapp-Itnyre).

Respectfully submitted, Alyce Fly, Secretary GFC