

## **Graduate Studies Committee/Retention and Financial Aid Committee Report 2008-2009**

**Members:** Nathaniel Brown, Gayle Buck, Ghangis Carter, Kristin Cook, Danielle DeSawal, Suzanne Eckes, David Flinders, Theodore Frick, Rob Helfenbein, Lara Lackey, Gerardo Lopez, Larry Mikulecky, Nelda Montemayor, Meredith Park Rogers, Dwight Schuster and Susan Sloffer

**Ex-Officio:** Beth Berghoff, Mary McMullen, Lara Lackey (Interim Associate Dean for Graduate Studies for Spring 2009)

**Staff:** Kim Markoff

**Meetings:** 4 completed; 1 online meeting/vote conducted regarding the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Program; 1 upcoming (scheduled for April 28, 2009 from 1-3pm)

### **Course Proposals**

#### **Approved**

- **W515-** Approval pending on the following changes: course number change be changed to W515 (currently listed as W505), indicate that it is required for the Masters in Technology (currently listed as elective), and indicate that it is required for majors
- **G584-** Approval pending on the following changes: course number be changed to G584 (currently listed as G580)
- **S502-** Approval pending on the following changes: grading structure be changed to reflect a graded course (currently listed as having an S-F grading structure)
- **S504-** No changes required
- **S509-** Approval pending on the following changes: non-lecture contact hours be changed to 0 (currently listed as 3)
- **N771-** Approval pending on the following changes: the type of instruction be broadened to include research and lecture components
- **G508-** No changes required
- **L503-** Approval pending on the following changes: the non-lecture contact hours be changed to 1 hour variable (currently listed as 1 hour fixed), and IUPUC be added as campus listed/applicable to (currently listed as IUPUI & IUB)
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#### **Not Approved:**

- **R580-** Issues concerning course credit hours. Sent back to Elizabeth Boling for revision.

### **Other Submissions to Committee**

- ***Changes in the HESA Program:*** The committee voted to approve several changes to the HESA Masters program which included, both, a new mission statement and a program of studies. Course U547 was added to the curriculum to supplement U544 and U551, which are no longer part of the core curriculum.
- ***Revised Master of Science in Elementary and Secondary Education Programs:*** The department of Curriculum and Instruction sought to revise their Masters program by offering a single Masters with core coursework, thus replacing the multiple masters programs that the department currently has. The committee opted to postpone voting on this program and offered suggestions for how this program can be improved.
- ***B.S./M.S. Joint Program for Science Education:*** The committee voted to approve a jointed B.S./M.S. program, which would allow undergraduates to be admitted into the M.S. science education program prior to the conferral of their Bachelor degree. Students accepted into the program would earn their Masters after one additional year
- ***New Graduate Program for Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellowship (WWITF) Initiative:*** The committee voted to accept two proposed tracks that will lead to an M.S. in Technology. These tracks are: STEM Education Track with Computer Education Certification, and STEM Education Track with Engineering Technology Education Certification.
- ***Higher Education Minor in College Pedagogy:*** The HESA program at IUPUI sought approval to reactivate a minor in college pedagogy, which had fallen into disuse. The committee was not provided with sufficient information and did not approve the minor. Suggested revisions were sent back to Nancy Chism.

### **Other Issues**

- ***Revenue Generating Ideas (request from policy council):*** The committee generated several suggestions for how the SOE can create additional revenue or cost saving measures. Proposed suggestions included: Increasing the number of informal certification programs currently offered through the SOE, Encouraging more podcasts from faculty, and Creating summer-based professional development programs
- ***Updated List of Approved Inquiry Courses:*** The committee viewed the list of Approved New Inquiry Courses and provided suggestions for revising a few aspects of the list. These suggestions included: providing a note about how Y520 addresses quantitative and qualitative research, providing clarification to distinguish Y520 from Y521, clarifying how Y510 fits within the inquiry program, and specifying how advisors can make appropriate decisions regarding a students' inquiry core.

### **Pending Items (To be reviewed on April 28, 2009)**

- Changes to IUPUI-IUPUC ESL Program
- L530
- L600

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- L650
- L590
- L525
- L690
- L630

### **Sub Committee Reports**

- *Beechler Award:* The Committee decided not to use all of the allocated funds and to make awards this year in a fiscally-conservative bases to assure that next year's Beechler Committee will have sufficient resources for continued support of our doctoral students. A total of nine (9) awards were distributed ranging from \$1000 - \$1500 each. The Committee also had some recommendations for future procedures to be implemented for 2009-2010.
- *Dissertation of the Year Award:* The dissertation of the year award is currently in process of being finalized and will be completed before the end of April.
- *Graduate Student Policy for Family/Medical Leave:* A subcommittee has been working to finalize recommendations for the establishment of a policy related to graduate student leave related to family and medical issues. A final list of recommendations is expected to be presented to the committee in Fall 2009.