

Minutes from Meeting
11:00am-12:30pm
Rooms 2102 (Bloomington) and 3138B (Indy)

Members Present: Danielle DeSawal, Elizabeth Boling, Beth Berghoff, Amy Trauth-Nare, Luise McCarty, Ghangis Carter, Kylie Pepler, Rob Helfenbein, Samantha Paredes Scribner, Susie Sloffer, Lara Lackey, and Ray Haynes.

Absent: Martha Nyikos, and Valarie Akerson.

Staff: Avital Deskalo

Presenters: Joel Wong

I. New Business

A. **Course Change Request G522-** Joel Wong attended the GSC/RAFA meeting to present the course change request for G522. G522 is a graduate level course in counseling theories for Master's students. Wong requested a course title change because the course content in G522 has always been about counseling theories but it was previously titled Counseling Techniques. Also, another course, Laboratory in Counseling, covers information on counseling techniques. Additionally, the title needs to be changed because students experienced issues with licensure because they did not have a course for counseling theories. Elizabeth Boling asked if the course description was in the bulletin and Susie Sloffer stated that it was in the bulletin. Before the committee voted on the course change, Wong was informed that he needed to fill in the ESI information and add percentages to ESI 5.

- *Susie Sloffer motioned to approve the course title change for G522, with the note that it will get rerouted back to fill in the needed boxes for campus approval.*
- *Luise McCarty seconded the motion.*
- *All in favor.*

B. **Course Change Request P595:** P595 is being changed to P656 because the course is designed for doctoral level students and has doctoral expectations. Everything else remains the same and is consistent with the bulletin.

- *Ray Haynes motioned to approve the course number change for P595 to P656. This course is a companion course with P591, which was approved for a course number change at the previous GSC/RAFA meeting on October 4, 2011.*
- *Susie Sloffer seconded the motion.*
- *All in favor.*

II. **Review/approval of minutes from October 4, 2011**

- *Ray Haynes motioned to approve the minutes from October 4, 2011.*
- *Susie Sloffer seconded the motion.*
- *All in favor.*

III. Discussion Items

- A. **Update on awarding privately-funded fellowships**- Elizabeth Boling provided the committee with some updates on privately-funded fellowships. The changes that were made were outlined in the updated fellowships memo. The changes include:
- Clarification that the fellowships are IUB campus-specific
 - Verbiage indicating that in January there will be a notification of the deadline for awards
 - Language about eligibility of recipients was added
 - Notification that gift language is available in GEMs and will be provided to the sub-committee
 - Language was removed suggesting that students will be chosen based on GPA; the sub-committee will choose students based on who they deem most worthy
 - A list of the privately-funded awards by program was added
 - A note was added that the Robert Noyce Fellowship is the only award, as of now, that has a special arrangement regarding when the fellowship recipients need to be chosen
- B. **Update on Leave for Graduate Students (LGS)**- Elizabeth Boling provided an update on LGS. LGS is different than FMLA because it is specific to graduate students. Boling discussed that student academic appointments under federally-funded grants will not receive paid leave of any kind unless there is a university-wide policy for leave. Therefore, Joyce Alexander and Dean Gonzales have decided to make funds available to pay for approved leaves for students with this kind of appointment. Also, once a year, a summary report will be given to GSC/RAFA on how many leaves have been asked for/approved/on what basis/for how long, etc. Next, Danielle DeSawal asked if any of the application forms need to be changed for IUPUI? Boling and Rob Helfenbein said they didn't think so. Ghangis Carter asked if the policy covers family structural changes? Boling responded that maternity leave, paternity leave, the need to care for a family member, and a medical situation would qualify for leave, but the policy spreads to other important situations, such as prepping for a court case, etc. Before the discussion ended, Boling indicated that it is worth remembering that students can apply to sit out even if they don't have an academic appointment.
- C. **Suggestions for new timeline for Dissertation of the Year Award**- Kylie Peppler initiated a discussion about a new timeline for the Dissertation of the Year Award. She explained that with the current timeline, the committee reviews dissertations in spring 2011 that were approved from the previous fiscal year. By the time the chairs are supposed to nominate candidates in the spring, they might forget who could qualify for the award. Peppler continued that if the timeline were changed, the candidates would be fresh in the chairs' minds. Additionally, an earlier timeline would be beneficial for students who are searching for jobs or doing a post-doc. Furthermore, it would be easier for faculty to participate in the sub-committee if the timeline were changed to fall instead of late spring. There is also no flexibility to change the award timeframe. Therefore, Peppler proposed that the timeline should be changed to this fall, instead of spring, for the July 2010 to June 2011 timeframe. The GSC/RAFA committee agreed with Peppler's suggestion for a new timeline. Peppler will chair the Dissertation of the Year Award Committee this fall. Before the discussion ended, Rob Helfenbein asked if students in the Urban Education department would be considered for nomination along with the other 6 SOE departments? Elizabeth Boling asked if Urban Education has a chair? Helfenbein said that Urban Education will be structured as

its own department and will have a chair. Elizabeth Boling will verify that the Urban Education Department would be allowed to participate in the nominations once students graduate from a program in that department. Next, Ghangis Carter asked if the Dissertation of the Year Award core campus? All doctoral programs are through IUB, so students at IUPUI can be nominated as well. Once students start graduating from Urban Education, Susie Sloffer will need to generate a list of eligible recipients that includes those students. Sloffer asked if the award could be nominated to Ed.D. as well as Ph.D. students? Pepler said yes, both Ed.D. and Ph.D. students can be nominated.

D. Committee Assignments: Beechler and Dissertation of the Year Award- Avital Deskalo will follow up with Martha Nyikos about the new timeline for the Dissertation of the Year Award. Kylie Pepler will ask the chairs of each department to recruit a faculty member for the committee. An additional faculty member from a department other than C&I is needed for the Beechler Committee.

Note: Beth Berghoff is transitioning off the GSC/RAFA Committee as ex-officio and Rob Helfenbein will act as ex-officio beginning at the November 22nd Committee meeting. The Agenda Committee nominated Jomo Mutegi to take Helfenbein's spot as a voting member and he declined. Thu Suong Thi Nguyen was then nominated and she accepted, and will be in attendance starting at the November 22nd GSC/RAFA Committee meeting.

The committee meeting ended at 12:05 pm.