

**Minutes from Meeting**  
**2:30-4:00 pm**  
**Rooms 2102 (Bloomington) and 3138B (Indianapolis)**

**Members Present:** Alexander McCormick, Chad Christensen, Sam Museus, Scott Bellini, Kelzie Beebe, Sandra Strain

**Ex-Officio Present:** Elizabeth Boling, Brendan Maxcy, Ghangis Carter

**Members Absent:** John Hitchcock, Marjorie Manifold

**Staff:** Matthew Boots, Jezreel McMillen, Leslie Chrapliwy, Liyao Zhao

I. Review and Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2016

- *Brendan Maxcy moved to approve the minutes from January 11, 2016, with the following changes: under item 2.A., change “the science department” to “the science education department”.*
- *Chad Christensen seconded the motion.*
- *All in favor.*

II. New Business

A. **Proposal for Faculty Qualified to Teach in Graduate Programs**

Next, the committee considered a proposal for faculty qualified to teach in graduate programs. Boling noted that the first section of the new policy was directly adapted from Higher Learning Commission standards, but that under the second section, there is a new stipulation: that faculty are ultimately responsible for assessing student performance, not the graduate student co-teaching the course. In other words, the faculty must be the primary teacher of the course, and must decide final grades. This policy replaces Policy 13.37 which applied only to IUPUI, and applies to both IUB and IUPUI.

- *Brendan Maxcy moved to approve the proposal with the following changes: delete the phrase “to afford them the experience” in the second paragraph, and add the phrase “at the graduate level” to the first sentence of the second paragraph.*
- *Kelzie Beebe seconded the motion.*
- *All in favor.*

III. Discussion Items

A. **General Discussion of Doctoral Studies**

The committee then dealt with discussion items. The committee first talked about the issue of funding graduate students. The paucity of undergraduate sections has led to a decrease in the number of assistantships available to incoming students. Consequently, fellowships are less viable, more students are forced into the student loan economy, and

faculty members have had their research agendas affected. Boling noted that the SOE cannot continue to rely one hundred percent on the old model of funding, or the school will find itself in trouble. Moreover, many assistantships within other departments and centers may only be available to in-state students. The committee brainstormed for a time on how funding might be made available to students from out-of-state, but no hard-and-fast solutions came out of the discussion. McCormick recommended that information be gathered about the issue from faculty members, students, as well as the EADs and fiscal officers on campus. Boling recommended that the EADs and fiscal officers be invited to the committee to speak. The committee also addressed the issue of students failing to finish on time, or make satisfactory progress within their given programs. The committee thought about the possibility of incorporating a random selection of dissertations to be evaluated during program reviews. Bellini noted that reaching out to faculty to measure interest in this review process would be a good start.

**B. Calendar of Program Reviews**

Boling had no major updates regarding calendar reviews. She noted that ELPS is conducting several program reviews at the moment, and that the committee should think about incorporating every graduate program in the review process.

**C. Anna Ochoa-Becker International Travel Fellowship**

Boling also noted that the application deadline for the International Travel Fellowship was coming down the pipeline. The fellowship is awarded by CIEDR, and the Dean's Fellowship Committee is currently in charge of monitoring the application process of International Travel Fellowship.