Minutes of the
Graduate Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2015
1:00-2:00pm, Kettler Hall 178

PRESENT: Hongli Luo (Technology), Marcia Dixson for Steve Carr (Communication), Jane Leatherman (SPED), Deb Poling (Nursing), Wylie Sirk (EDLD), Cigdem Gurgur (MBA), Abdullah Eroglu (ECE), Nash Younis (CME), Carol Sternberger (OGS), Brenda Blazier (OGS), Susan Humphrey (OGS), Carly Thompson (GSO), Brian Mylrea (OIE), Max Montesino (OLS), David Cochran (IPFW Voting Member on Purdue Grad Council), Barton Price (Graduate Advisor), Lewis Roberts (English & Linguistics), Frank Paladino (Biology), Kerrie Fineran (CNSM), Doug Weakley (Mathematical Sciences)

ABSENT: Brian Fife (Public Policy), Terri Swim (Educational Studies), Amy Nitza (Professional Studies), Peter Ng (Computer Science)

The meeting was called to order by Carol Sternberger at 1:00 p.m.

- Approval of agenda by consensus. Frank Paladino asked for “Significance of a Metropolitan University” be added to the agenda.

- Approval of April 30, 2015 minutes by consensus.

- Everyone introduced themselves since we have several new Graduate Directors: Hongli Luo (Technology), Cigdem Gurgur (MBA), Nash Younis (CME), Wylie Sirk (EDLD)

- Carly Thompson presented GSO update:
  - Carly is the GSO President and has held the first meeting with 9 graduate students attending and email interest from 4 other students.
  - Carly has conducted Doodle Poll to determine that the best time for the 3MT Workshops is Fridays at 4:30-6pm. If students are not able to attend, please have them contact Carly at thomcj02@ipfw.edu so that she can pass the information on to the students.

- Carol discussed 3MT Contest – Wednesday, March 2nd, 5pm
  - We want to have Non-Thesis Graduate Students, as well as, Thesis. Senior Projects will be in a separate category.
  - Carol shared that there will be cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place and a People’s Choice Award.
  - Several workshops will be held for the students on topics such as brainstorming, voice,
improvisation, and a couple workshops in the spring so students can practice and get faculty critiques.

- Frank Paladino expressed concern about proprietary information being stolen when 3MT is posted on internet. Carol assured that posting can be delayed to protect the students’ research.

- Carol raised the issue of Graduate Assistantship Costs
  - Nursing and Athletics have several GA’s budgeted but the tuition remission is not part of the budget so this significantly reduces the tuition revenue.
  - Carl is considering in the future Departments who are requesting additional GA funding may need to budget for the fee reductions.
  - One possibility is as faculty are writing grants, these costs need to be added.
  - Carol feels this issue needs to be discussed at the Dean’s AOC Meeting. Carol will discuss the concerns of the Graduate Directors with Carl.

- Carol discussed Graduate Faculty Mentoring Workshop – Friday, October 16th, 2-4pm
  - The location has been changed to WU114 since we have 28 faculty attending and 7 other staff – including both Deans of IU and PU Graduate Schools.
  - Carol asked directors to check the invitation list that was distributed to make sure we have all the faculty listed who need to attend.
  - This workshop is a requirement to receive a graduate faculty appointment for both IU and PU graduate faculty to be able to teach graduate classes, mentor graduate students and serve on graduate committees.

- Carol shared update on “Distinguish”, our Online Journal
  - This upcoming electronic magazine will feature Carly’s work on Sexual Assault and Title IX. The spring magazine will feature Mathematical Sciences.
  - Carol plans to ask Marketing and DCS to look at the draft since they wrote the first issue but are not able to write future issues.

- Wylie Sirk shared about the Educational Leadership Doctorate
  - They have formulated a project team and curriculum team to prepare a proposal for an interdisciplinary Leadership Doctoral program. Proposal deadline is December 1st.
  - Wylie discussed that originally the degree would be an EDD, however, now they will be presenting the idea of a PhD.

- Significance of a Metropolitan University
  - Frank Paladino heard PhD’s from regional campuses have been rejected. Carol and David Cochran didn’t believe that was true.
• Carol discussed need for IU Graduate Council Representative
  o Carol requested IU Graduate Directors talk to IU Graduate Faculty to find someone to go to Bloomington to represent IPFW. If there is more than 1 person interested, than an election will be held. Brenda will email the information again to the IU Graduate Directors.

• Susan Humphrey gave a brief demo of Slate
  o We will be implementing Slate for IU programs starting next fall.
  o Susan showed how to look up students in Slate and how to run queries. Susan has written queries for each program. Susan will email additional Slate information and grad directors must first take FERPA training to be cleared to login to Slate.

• Upcoming Graduate Director Meetings in 2015:
  Thursday, October 22nd, 1-2pm, KT 178
  Wednesday, November 18th, 1:30-2:30pm, KT 178
  Monday, December 7th, 2-3pm, KT 178

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Submitted by: Brenda Blazier, Office of Graduate Studies