Minutes of the
Graduate Directors Meeting
Friday, April 21, 2017
1 – 2 pm, Kettler Hall, Room G83

PRESENT: Michelle Kearl (Communication), Carrie Stumph (MBA), Guoping Wang (ECE), Carol Sternberger (OGS), Brenda Blazier (OGS), Susan Humphrey (OGS), Andrea Myers (GSO President), Kim O’Connor (OLS), Jin Soung Yoo (Computer Science), Wylie Sirk (EDLD), Kerrie Fineran (CNSM), Jordan Marshall for Elliott Blumenthal (Biology), Barton Price (Graduate Advisor), Jane Leatherman (SPED), Lewis Roberts (English), Hongli Luo (Technology), Brian Fife (Public Policy), Jason Barnes for David Cochran (IPFW Voting Member on Purdue Graduate Council)

GUESTS: Associate Dean Jamie Mohler (PU-WL Graduate School), Dean James Burg (College of Education and Public Policy), Dean Eric Link (College of Arts and Sciences), Melinda Conley (Continuing Studies), Angie Williams (Continuing Studies)

ABSENT: Hosni Abu-Mulaweh (CME), Brian Mylrea (OIE), Nila Reimer (Nursing), Doug Weakley (Mathematical Sciences)

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

Carol introduced Associate Dean Jamie Mohler from PU-WL’s Graduate School. Dean Mark Smith is leaving for a position at Austin.

- Approval of agenda by consensus.
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- Andrea Myers, the GSO President, presented a GSO update
  - All of the GSO officer positions will need to be filled again for next year. Please recommend names of graduate students to Carol for these GSO leadership positions.
- Carol announced that Andrea did an excellent job representing us with her 3MT at the MAGS meeting in Indianapolis – her 3MT is posted on the OGS website.

- Slate Update
  - IU Graduate Admissions Slate Training will be this fall on Wednesday, September 6th from 1-3pm in Neff B27 or Friday, September 22nd from 10am-12noon in Neff B41.
  - Lee Gordon from PU-WL is coordinating Slate Communications Training. On April 6th, Carol emailed the graduate directors: “This is going to be a very important training. Using SLATE to its fullest potential will ultimately positively affect admissions and enrollment in our graduate programs.”
  - Susan will come to your office to give you preliminary training so that you will be comfortable in Slate if you will contact her.
• IU/PU Transition Update
  o As of today, our new name is Purdue University Fort Wayne. Yesterday it was also voted for Indiana University Fort Wayne. Please support fellow colleagues that are becoming IU during this transition.
  o Associate Dean Jamie Mohler shared there are 5 big things to focus on during the transition: students, faculty, courses, programs and signature authority.
  o Associate Dean Mohler said that PU-WL wants to expedite and make the transition as simple as possible – Declaration of Intent documents could be used to get students’ choices in writing – there will be an orientation to Purdue Policies and Procedures.
  o Carol reminded that IU Graduate Directors and Graduate Faculty (including LTL’s and Visiting Instructors) who wish to be assigned a Purdue Graduate Faculty Status (needed to serve on any graduate student committee or to teach a graduate course) who haven’t already done so, need to submit a CV to her with “PU Graduate Status” in the subject line of your email. After you receive Graduate Faculty Status, you will get an email that you now have access to the Graduate School Database.
  o All IU Graduate Directors will be invited to attend and will be introduced at the 1st Fall 2017 meeting of the PU Graduate Council.

• Thesis Update
  o Mark Jaeger has retired so the thesis contact now is:
    Ashlee Messersmith, 765-494-3231, amiley@purdue.edu
  o Associate Dean Mohler shared that there are 2 tools that PU-WL offers: Overleaf and Ithenticate. Let Jamie know if you are interested in using these tools so that he can set up your account.

• No waivers of graduate application fees will be given by OGS – departments will need to pay IF they give a waiver.

• The IU application fee will be increased to the PU application fee effective Fall 2018.

• Melinda Conley and Angie Williams from the Division of Continuing Studies shared that the Organizational Leadership and Public Policy programs will now be marketed through DCS. They have been successfully marketing the Education, Business and Nursing programs. The long term goal is that they will market all the programs in the future. DCS recently integrated into the undergraduate instance of Slate and they are ready to also integrate into the graduate instance of Slate.

• Michelle Kearl has agreed to be the new Purdue Graduate Council Representative.

• Brian Fife shared that Public Policy has a new Non-profit concentration proposed.

This is the last meeting of the Graduate Directors for the 2016-17 academic year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Submitted by: Brenda Blazier, Office of Graduate Studies