

Meeting Minutes | Graduate Studies Committee | January 10, 2018

Room 2102 (IUB)

Zoom Bridge 238504

10:00am-12:00 pm

- **Members Present:** John Hitchcock, Frank DiSilvestro, Marjorie Treff, Quentin Wheeler-Bell, Leslie Chrapliwy, Cristina Santamaria-Graff
- **Members Absent:** Sharice Russ, Andrea Walton, Rebecca Martinez, ~~Kelzie Beebe~~, Christine Leland, Marjorie Manifold, Jessica Lester
- **Ex-officio Present:** Y. Barry Chung, Brendan Maxcy, Ghangis Carter
- **Guests Present:** Matt Boots
- **Guests Absent:** Sharice Russ
- **Staff:** Kirstin Helström
- **Presenters:** Joel Wong

I. Program Changes (Presented by Joel Wong)

A. Counseling Psychology PhD Minor

Joel Wong gave an overview of the six amendments to the doctoral minor as listed in the departmental proposal, along with the vote totals:

1. No longer require a 600-level course for the doctoral minor (24 approve; 2 disapprove)
2. No longer require G522 and G523 to be taken concurrently (26 approve)
3. Add G632 as a course that can count toward the minor (26 approve)
4. No longer stipulate the specific content of G650 (26 approve)
5. Require school psychology student who minor in counseling psychology to take G522 and G523 (26 approve)
6. Require students to obtain a minimum grade of B in all courses that count toward the minor (26 approve)
 - *Frank DiSilvestro moved to approve the changes.*
 - *Quentin Wheeler-Bell seconded.*
 - *All in favor.*

B. Counseling Psychology PhD

Joel Wong also briefed the committee on the recent site visit by the American Psychological Association, which offered suggestions for the program. He mentioned that across 40 APA-accredited PhD counseling psychology programs, the mean number of mandatory course credit hours is 104 hours and the median is 102 hours. Since the IU Bloomington campus requires 115 credit hours, the faculty proposed reducing the program to 108 credit hours (which is still more than most programs) to ease the burden on students.

- *Leslie Chrapliwy moved to approve the changes.*
- *Quentin Wheeler-Bell seconded.*
- *All in favor.*

II. **Review/Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2017**

Brendan Maxcy mentioned that the IUPUI committee members were not present for the remainder of the last meeting, as the discussions were only relevant to the Bloomington campus. John Hitchcock recommended adding the following statement to the previous minutes document: "IUPUI faculty were voluntarily able to leave when GSC started to shift towards Bloomington only policy."

- *Marjorie Treff moved to approve the minutes from October 25, 2017, with statement added.*
- *Leslie Chrapliwy seconded the motion.*
- *All in favor.*

III. **Review of GSC Description**

John Hitchcock and Matt Boots reminded the committee that there are two purposes for reviewing the GSC description, policy council constitution, and the policies:

1. to make sure that these elements reflect the Bloomington campus only,
2. to make sure that these elements reflect diversity, equity, and inclusion considerations.

Brendan Maxcy recommended, for clarity, that the IUPUI faculty abstain in all Bloomington specific issue votes but will participate in the diversity, equity, and inclusion votes, and John Hitchcock agreed with this procedure.

Brendan Maxcy mentioned that IUPUI is working to learn from these committee meetings how they can best replicate similar systems at IUPUI after the separation of campuses. Therefore, he and John Hitchcock recommended that the Bloomington policy council make clear how the committee is formed (how members are selected), so that IUPUI may review that procedure for their own purposes.

GSC recommended to make the following adjustment to the GSC Description: "This committee shall be concerned with policies and procedures related to graduate programs and graduate courses on the Bloomington campus, effective July 1, 2018."

From a Bloomington (campus separation) perspective,

- *Leslie Chrapliwy moved to approve the GSC description with the clarification of the July 1 date.*
- *Marjorie Treff seconded the motion.*
- *All in favor.*

From a diversity perspective, the committee asks policy council to describe the processes followed in the formation of this committee, and that this will be reviewed by IUPUI for its own purposes.

- *Leslie Chrapliwy moved to approve the GSC description for diversity considerations, with the above recommendation.*
- *Quentin Wheeler-Bell seconded the motion.*
- *All in favor.*

IV. **Review of Policy Council Constitution**

The committee discussed several aspects of the constitution for policy council and GSC further consideration.

1. The constitution reminded the committee that since Kelzie Beebe (the student representative on the committee) is no longer able to attend the meetings due to schedule conflicts, the committee needs to recruit a student to replace her.
2. There are several references to parallel committees with IUPUI and IUB campuses, which need to be revised to reflect the Bloomington campus only. Members mentioned the possibility of mentioning “Bloomington” in the title, for clarification.
3. The committee noticed the phrasing under section F.1.a.v. which states “Committee shall be mindful” of creating a representative committee. The committee questioned the vagueness of this comment by asking:
 - How do we know that we’re being mindful?
 - And how specifically are we doing that?
4. The committee also noticed the phrasing under section F.2.c: Promotions, Tenure and Contracts Committee, that the “Committee shall be tenured faculty” only, when the contracts being reviewed may be for non-tenure track faculty. Therefore, it seems that there may not be good representation on those committees. This committee asks for clarification as to why the policy is stated as such.

V. **Information Item**

A. Survey of Master’s Credits with 30 Hours before Electives

Matt Boots reminded the committee about Bradley Levinson’s presentation in the previous GSC meeting. Leslie Chrapliwy stated that the committee has subsequently inquired about other master’s degrees with 30 credits because there might be more requests to reduce hours. Leslie completed an inventory of the programs in School of Education, and six programs list 30 hours in addition to the electives. Other programs have 27-29 credits before elective credits.

VI. **Policy Review**

A. 16.28 Faculty Qualified to Teach in Graduate Program

From a campus separation perspective:

- *Frank DiSilvestro moved to approve the language as it stands.*
- *Quentin Wheeler-Bell seconded*
- *All in favor.*

From a diversity perspective:

Brendan Maxcy and Matt Boots mentioned that we may be seeing a lower number of diverse faculty teaching because of the policy, which has been in place since September 2017. Therefore, the committee recommends to policy council and/or the diversity committee that this policy be examined more closely regarding qualifications, to see if there may be unintended consequences.

B. 05.32R Appointment to Graduate Faculty Status

From a campus separation perspective:

- *Marjorie Treff moved to approve the language as it stands.*
- *Leslie Chrapliwy seconded.*
- *All in favor.*

**This is an unanimously approved as it stands, but IUPUI faculty will need to revisit this policy for their own purposes after July 1.*

From a diversity perspective:

The committee recommended an adjustment under #3: “All tenure-eligible faculty...” for clarity and to reflect updated language. Marjorie Treff mentioned that the “tenure-eligible” phrase is used in both oral and written communication within non-tenure-track faculty professional development experiences.

C. 17.45 Proposed wording for Graduate Certificate GPA

The committee recommended an adjustment with the sentences: “If you choose to pursue a master’s degree in [XXX], these certificate courses might apply to your degree requirements,” and “Students enrolled in the certificate program must complete it with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or be subject to probation and/or dismissal from the certificate program.” The reason for this suggestion is the word “might” suggests a possibility whereas “may” could be construed as permission.

**Due to time constraints, the committee ended the discussion with these two considerations, and plans to revisit this policy and others (listed on the agenda as items VI.H and VI.K in the next GSC meeting.*