Minutes/Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Executive Committee Meeting

September 13, 2013

Members present: Anthony Shiu, Rita Barger, Jennifer Friend, Masud Chowdhury, Rafia Rasu, James Sturgeon, Wai-Yim Chang, Jered Carr, Joan Dean, Leonard Dobens, Tina Niemi, Omiunota Ukpokodu, John Laity, Dean Denis Medeiros (Chair), Alphia Curry, Connie Mahone, Quincy Bennett Johnson (SGS administrative support)

Excused Absences: Hari Bhat, Joe Parisi

I. Meeting called to order at 2:05 p.m., with minutes of the May 10, 2013 meeting approved.

II. Announcements
   • Ben Wilson, president of the IDSC, spoke about the IPhD research conference and the Revived Journal for Interdisciplinary Research. He asked for the committee to suggest people to be on the editorial board.
   • There are currently 346 IPhD students enrolled. 34 have yet to enroll.
   • Interview schedule for Assistant Dean distributed.
   • Responsible Conduct of Research Course is now available through the Med School – Bioinformatics. It is team taught and will be online SP14. It meets the NIH guidelines.
   • Developing a system wide approach for leadership development. Need five students (in their 1st or 2nd year) from each campus to take on leadership roles.
   • SGS is working with the Career Center to help graduate students find jobs.

III. Plans of Study
   • It has been a problem for the graduate dean to get these reviewed, signed, & returned to him.
   • It was recommended (at a prior meeting) that these be reviewed at the IPhD Executive Committee meeting.
   • Six POS are currently outstanding. The original intent was to have these reviewed. This did not occur. It was recommended that they be reviewed and returned to Quincy prior to the October meeting.

IV. Retention Graduation Data
   • Ran out of time. We will postpone and discuss this later.

V. Committee Dialogue on encouraging supervisory committee commitment to students.
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VI. Other
   • N/A

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:31p.m.