

DATE: November 13, 2006

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Educational Policy Committee
Jonathan Tankel, Chair

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Bylaws of the Fort Wayne Senate – Graduate Subcommittee

DISPOSITION: To the Presiding Officer for implementation

WHEREAS, Graduate programs at IPFW have increased in recent years; and

WHEREAS, IPFW has established a Director of the Office of Graduate Studies in the Office of Academic Affairs; and

WHEREAS, The current bylaws permit faculty members from Departments and Schools without graduate programs to serve on the Graduate Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Periodic review of IPFW graduate programs is now part of mandated program review;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate approve the following revisions to the Fort Wayne Senate Bylaws pertaining to the Graduate Subcommittee (5.3.3.9).

Senate Document SD 06-6

Additions in bold

Deletions are struck through

5.3.3.9 Graduate Subcommittee

5.3.3.9.1 Membership

5.3.3.9.1.1 Elected members, elected to three-year terms by the Voting Faculty at large from among nominees elected by each School, College or Division offering graduate programs. Each eligible School, College, or Division shall be represented by one member. All elected members will hold membership on the appropriate graduate faculty.

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~~having Voting Faculty members. The School of Arts and Sciences shall be represented by three members—one each from the sciences, social sciences, and humanities; other Schools shall each be represented by one member.~~

5.3.3.9.1.2 One representative from the library elected to a three-year term by the Voting Faculty from among nominees selected by the librarians.

5.3.3.9.1.32 The Director of the Office of Graduate Studies, The Chief Academic Officer of IPFW, or a designee, and the two Faculty members in charge of liaison with the graduate schools of Indiana University and of Purdue University.

5.3.3.9.1.43 Two graduate students elected annually by the other members of the Subcommittee from among nominations submitted by departments or other units responsible for graduate degree programs.

5.3.3.9.2 Charge. In matters affecting graduate education at IPFW, and subject to the rules established by Indiana and Purdue universities and their graduate schools, the Subcommittee shall advise the Senate concerning (1) planning and policy and (2) exercise of the Faculty's right of review of the graduate curricula.

5.3.3.9.2.1 Planning and policy functions: To encourage and coordinate the development of graduate education at IPFW, the Subcommittee shall:

5.3.3.9.2.1.1 Foster program coordination among IPFW units and among IPFW and the graduate schools

5.3.3.9.2.1.2 Evaluate and make recommendations concerning the need for new programs

5.3.3.9.2.1.3 Advise on policies for admission procedures and standards

5.3.3.9.2.1.4 Advise on policies for fellowships, assistantships, and other forms of financial assistance

~~5.3.3.9.2.1.5 Serve as a hearing body for student petitions, and report relevant findings and recommendations.~~

5.3.3.9.2.2 Review functions: To exercise the Faculty's right of review of the graduate curricula, the Subcommittee shall:

~~5.3.3.9.2.2.1 Conduct periodic reviews of all IPFW graduate programs~~

5.3.3.9.2.2.12 Examine and report on proposals for new graduate programs prior to the formal transmission of these documents to off-campus bodies charged with further review.

During this examination, the Subcommittee shall evaluate the rationale for the proposed program and the program's effects on IPFW and on IPFW's constituencies.

Upon completion of this examination, the Subcommittee shall either report to the Senate “for information only” its finding that the new program requires no Senate review, or advise the Senate of its finding that the Senate should exercise its right of review.

5.3.3.9.2.2.23 Upon a request from the Senate, an academic unit, a graduate school, or IPFW's Chief Academic Officer, examine and report on existing or proposed courses. Such examinations shall be requested only when significant questions of proper sponsorship or academic quality arise.

Upon completion of this examination, the Subcommittee shall either report to the initiator, and to the Senate “for information only,” its finding that no Senate review is appropriate, or advise the Senate of its finding that the Senate should exercise its right of review.