TO: SLA Faculty Assembly Executive Committee

FROM: Bylaws Review Committee, Herbert Brant and Scott Weeden, co-chairs

SUBJECT: Proposal on Membership Description of Graduate Curriculum Committee

DATE: 10 January, 2020

The ad-hoc Bylaws Review Committee recommends the following action item for consideration by the Faculty:

**Change to description of Graduate Curriculum Committee membership in Article IV, Section 4.f of the Bylaws**

*Current situation*:

The current description of the Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) membership is as follows:

“**Section 4.f. Graduate Curriculum Committee.**

The Committee shall be composed of six members: one faculty member who is a representative of the School of Liberal Arts on the IU Graduate Council, three faculty members who are members of the IU Graduate Faculty, a designated Executive Committee representative, and a non-voting School administrative officer designated by the Dean.”

*Proposed* ***new*** *language*:

“**Section 4.f. Graduate Curriculum Committee.**

The Committee shall be composed of six members: ~~one faculty member who is a representative of the School of Liberal Arts on the IU Graduate Council, three~~ *four* faculty members who are members of the IU Graduate Faculty, a designated Executive Committee representative, and a non-voting School administrative officer designated by the Dean. *At least one Committee member will also be a representative of the School of Liberal Arts on IUPUI’s Graduate Affairs Committee.*”

*Rationale*:

It seems that no one from the GCC has served on the IU Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) in recent years; thus, removing this requirement from the committee description reflects current practice. The Associate Dean for Academic Programs, as the ex officio member of the GCC, fulfills the requirement of representation on the campus GAC. The School does have representation on the IU GFC, and this representative could be asked to report to the GCC, without actually serving on the committee.

*Known and expected benefits*:

Removing the requirement that one GCC member also serve on the IU Graduate Council from the Committee description in the Bylaws removes the burden of one member having to serve on an additional committee, which may be viewed as a deterrent to serving on the GCC. While it might be ideal to have GCC representation on both the campus GAC and the IU GFC, curricular coordination at the campus level seems more important.