

# PNC Has Own Graduate Council



Beginning in the fall of 2009, Chancellor Dworkin and Dr. Mark Smith,

Dean of the The Graduate School at Purdue University, approved the creation of a Graduate Council for the North Central Campus to oversee graduate programming at PNC in conjunction with Purdue University's Graduate School and Graduate Council. Currently, the Graduate Council at PNC consists of the following individuals:

- **Dr. George Asteriadis (Director of Graduate Studies and Assoc. VCAA)**
- **Ms. Janet Knight (Coordinator of Graduates Studies, and non-voting member)**
- **Dr. Thomas Brady (Chair Engineering/Technology)**
- **Dr. Cynthia Fontaine (Chair Education)**
- **Dr. Chris Holford (Interim Dean College of Science)**
- **Dr. Alan Krabbenhoft (Dean College of Business)**
- **Dr. Rex Morrow (Dean College of Liberal Arts)**
- **Dr. Cynthia Roberts (Chair**

## **Business and Leadership, Director of the MBA)**

- **Dr. Judith Serwatka (Prof. of MIS)**
- **Ms. Sandy Czekaj, Assist. Dean of Enrollment and Registrar (Ex officio)**
- **Dr. James Dworkin, Chancellor (Ex officio)**
- **Dr. Karen Schmid, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (Ex officio)**

In addition, with the help of Vice Chancellor Turner, the Graduate Studies program at PNC now has an official office. This office is in SWRZ 1 27F (inside the Bursar's Office) and is also the office for the Coordinator of PNC's Graduate Studies Programming.

Over the last year or so, Purdue's Graduate School under the direction of Graduate School Dean and Associate Deans, has been working to move much of the day-to-day Graduate School operations to the regional campuses. As of August 23, 2010, much of responsibilities regarding the Graduate Program has been transferred to the regional campuses. These responsibilities include admission processes as well as electronic plans of study and audit processing. It is important to note, however, that the Purdue University System still has only one Graduate School and one Dean of the Graduate School.

Mary Spiess (representing Enrollment Services and the Admis-

sions Office at PNC) will continue her role as admissions processor for the PNC Graduate School. In addition to collecting the application, statement of purpose, recommendations and transcripts, Mary will now complete the entire admissions process for students who are recommended for admission to both of the graduate programs at PNC (Elementary Education and the MBA).

Janet Knight will serve as Coordinator of Graduate Studies at PNC, processing electronic plans of study, plan changes and audits for both of the graduate programs at PNC, and be the primary contact person for all graduate programming issues with West Lafayette.

This year, Dr. Judy Serwatka will continue to be PNC's voting member on the Purdue University Graduate Council, and Dr. Asteriadis as the non-voting member. The Graduate Council meets in West Lafayette approximately four times a semester to review all graduate programming issues. Usually the regional campus representatives meet for about two hours prior to the system wide meeting to review and discuss issues specific to the regional campuses. PNC's Graduate Council usually meets either directly before or after the West Lafayette meeting.

Information about PNC's Graduate Studies programming and Graduate Council can be found at [http://www.pnc.edu/academic\\_affairs/graduate\\_studies/index.html](http://www.pnc.edu/academic_affairs/graduate_studies/index.html). This site is currently maintained by Dr. Serwatka.