The IDOC is responsible for developing and carrying out the policies and guidelines of the Interdisciplinary Doctorate Program, reviewing candidates for admission to the program, and monitoring progress of the students in the program.

Presently, there are five continuing students in the program, who are in their first, second, third, fourth, and fifth year, respectively. Their research areas are interdisciplinary models in higher education, telehealth care strategies to support caregivers of patients with dementia, designing and manufacturing materials according to environmental and aesthetic considerations, comparative literature, and transboundary water cooperation. All students in the program are making good progress toward their degree.

One Step 2 application was approved this year. Of the nine Step 1 applications that were submitted this year, five were approved to move on to Step 2, three were denied, and one is still active. Of the five applications approved to move on to Step 2, one was withdrawn by the applicant, three were postponed by request of the applicants, and one is currently being evaluated by IDOC.

In consultation with Dean Cook and Dean Panetta, there is a plan to develop strategies aimed at increasing the visibility of the program within and outside of Tufts, through presentation at faculty meeting, preparation of a flyer for distribution within and outside of Tufts, and by revising the program website.

The committee chair thanks all committee members for their collegiality and hard work.

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