

Graduate Council (GC)  
January 24, 2019

Present: Professors: Doucette, Huber, McLeod, O'Shaughnessy, Quelle, Street, Wesely; Graduate Students: Bock, Gabriele, Verniero, White; Grad College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, , Danger, Kelly, Keller, Teitle, Varga.

Absent: Professors: Butali, Gfeller, Rakel, Weiner, Xiao; Grad College Personnel: Campo

The meeting was called to order by Dean John Keller @ 8:15 AM.

1. Minutes from the November 29, 2018, meeting were approved.
2. Announcements and updates:
  - Dean Keller provided updates on searches:Provost
    - i. Four (4) candidates for Executive Vice President and Provost will be on campus interviewing over the next couple of weeks.
    - ii. Two (2) candidates for Vice President for Research will be on campus interviewing in mid-February.
    - iii. Graduate Council representative, Steve Varga, was appointed Graduate College Associate Dean effective January 1, 2019. His at-large seat will be filled for a three year term August 2019 thru May 2022, a call for nominations will be distributed via email soon.
    - iv. With the departure of Diana Sproles, the Graduate College is searching for an Education Support Services Director. First round interviews to begin in the next week or two.
    - v. The Graduate College is advertising for a Business Analyst to succeed Andy Balasubramaniam.
  - Dean Keller reminds the Council that fellowship nomination season is underway, deadlines are posted on the [Internal Fellowships and Awards](#) webpage.
  - Over twenty Phase 1 Innovation in Graduate Education Challenge Grant proposals were received. Phase 2 is by invitation only. The committee plans to communicate next steps to proposers by early February.
  - A student opinion survey for all students (undergraduate, graduate, and professional) has been distributed as part of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) reaccreditation process.
  - The School Psychology program now holds accredited, inactive status. Maintaining this status allows current students to graduate from an accredited program.
  - Assistant Dean Jen Teitle requests that members mark their calendars for the [Experiments in Career Diversity in the Humanities: A Working Symposium](#) being held on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Humanities for the Public Good event is hosted by the Obermann Center, CLAS, and the Graduate College with funding from the Mellon Foundation.
  - The spring commencement ceremonies will be held Friday, May 10, 2019. The ceremony for doctoral students will be held at 9 a.m. at Hancher Auditorium. The ceremony for master's students will be held at 7 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.
3. Faculty Senate officers, Russel Ganim (President) and Peter Snyder (Past-President) discussed intersections between Faculty Senate and Graduate Council, briefly shared the recent activities of Faculty Senate including Faculty Council retreat themes, and closed with a question and answer discussion.
4. Graduate Student Senate (GSS) officers, KaLeigh White (President) and Ryan Stoldt (Vice President), presented the review of the [Jakobsen Conference](#). GSS is working to differentiate the Jakobsen Conference from other research presentation opportunities available to UI

graduate students. They presented some tactical approaches (i.e branding) to making the conference visible and useful to more students. The morning workshops will focus on professional development. Afternoon networking opportunities will be formatted as “fireside chats”.

5. [Center for Integrated Research, Teaching, and Learning](#) (CIRTL) coordinator, Lisa Kelly, discussed the requirements necessary to meet the three pathways (Associate, Practitioner, and Scholar) offered through the CIRTL program.
6. Without adequate time to conduct the discussion regarding registration-limit exception request, this agenda item will be presented at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 AM.