

**Graduate Council**  
**February 13, 2020**

Present: Professors: Butali, Cwiertny, Gfeller, Huber, Kang, O'Shaughnessy, Rakel, Wesely; Graduate Students: Bako, Gabriele, Waldstein, White; Grad College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, Boyken, Campo, Danger, Keller, Varga.

Absent: Professors: Doucette, Greysen, Hribar, McLeod, Quelle. Grad College Personnel: Campo, Teitle.

The meeting was called to order by Dean John Keller @ 8:18 AM.

1. January 23, 2020, meeting minutes of were approved.
2. Announcements and updates:
  - The Graduate College administrative and academic affairs offices moved to the second floor of Calvin Hall over the winter break. The anticipated return to Gilmore Hall is summer 2020.
  - Fall commencement was near capacity due to increasing participation by students, especially master's degree recipients. Therefore, the Graduate College will conduct two ceremonies each Fall and Spring, one for the doctoral graduates and another for the master's graduates.
  - The Jakobsen Conference is on hiatus this year due in part to a loss of committee chair. Conversations are underway with stakeholders so as to appropriately honor Dr. Jakobsen's commitment to graduate education.
  - Spring fellowship season is underway [please visit our website](#) to review the nomination deadlines
  - Save the Date. This year the Graduate College will host an address on the state of graduate education at the University of Iowa on April 16, 2020 @ 5:30 in Art Building West. Reception will follow the address.
  - An article today in [IowaNow](#) highlighted our institution's national leadership in producing Fulbright fellowship winners.
  - On February 24, 2020 the University of Iowa will be participating in a Big Ten Academic Alliance mentoring event that will explore the findings and recommendations from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASSEM) Science of Effective Mentorship in STEMM report.
  - The draft Graduate College Strategic Plan and SWOT analysis was submitted to the Provost on February 3, 2020. The college is appreciative for the leadership of all strategic plan committee members and the engagement by Grad Council.
  - President Bako reports recent Graduate Student Senate activities include an ad hoc subcommittee being formed to assist the Travel Award committee in scoring submissions for the OVPR/GC research awards. A new position/role is being formed, GSS social media manager. An election will be held to fill the vacant Vice President seat as well as the Graduate & Professional Student Government (GPSG) Fine Arts & Humanities seat. A resolution is being drafted in support of alleviating expectations of graduate students to provide food at their dissertation defense. GPSP, UISG, and Iowa City City Council members discussed a housing proposal. Students spoke to the need to offer affordable housing, consider public safety, and transportation (bike/pedestrian path) options.
3. Dean Keller presented a proposal to create Applied Behavior Analysis certificate. Seth King, Assistant Professor in Teaching and Learning, and Amanda Thein, College of Education

Associate Dean, were available to address questions or concerns regarding the proposal. After discussion a motion was made and unanimously approved in favor of the certificate.

4. Dean Keller presented a proposal to change Graduate Council faculty membership composition. After discussion it was determined that adding Graduate College membership to council is appropriate. Council asked the dean to consider including in the manual tie-break policy for votes by Grad Council. The topic will be brought back to Council for further consideration at a later date.
5. Dean Keller led a discussion on the purpose, policy and practice associated with Graduate Faculty vote. At a future meeting Council requests a discussion of proposals typically presented to Graduate Council and Graduate Faculty. To provide context to the discussion, a review of the current listed duties and responsibilities of Graduate Council, the Graduate College Dean, and Graduate Faculty should be included. In determining the fairest way to collect the will of the Graduate Faculty it will be important to consider balance the need for broad participation and nimbleness.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 AM.