

Graduate Council (GC)  
February 21, 2019

Present: Professors: Butali, Doucette, Huber, O'Shaughnessy, Rakel, Street, Wesely; Graduate Students: Bock, Verniero, White; Grad College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, Campo, Danger, Teitle.

Absent: Professors: Gfeller, McLeod, Quelle, Weiner, Xiao; Graduate Students: Gabriele; Grad College Personnel: Keller, Varga

The meeting was called to order by Associate Dean Shelly Campo @ 8:17 AM.

1. Minutes from the January 24, 2019, meeting were approved.
2. Announcements and updates:
  - Graduate Student Senate President KaLeigh White announced:
    - i. The Jakobsen Conference, scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2019, has 83 submissions for poster presentation with more students expected to attend the workshops.
    - ii. GSS is surveying senators about the communications, activities, and vision of the organization. A planned open dialogue at the end of GSS meetings should facilitate more opportunity for senators to voice concerns or explore ideas.
  - Associate Dean Shelly Campo announced:
    - i. A reminder that nominations for the Graduate Council at-large representative should be submitted to [wendy-danger@uiowa.edu](mailto:wendy-danger@uiowa.edu) by March 1, 2019.
    - ii. Over twenty Phase 1 Innovation in Graduate Education Challenge Grant proposals were received. Phase 2, invitation only, submission are due March 15, 2019.
    - iii. The National Health Assessment Data survey has been deployed to graduate students at the University of Iowa for the first time. Current response rate is approximately 16%.
    - iv. Many internal fellowship deadlines are approaching, including Recruitments, LuLu, MFA Summer, Ballard & Seashort. The MFA summer fellowships are planning to present their work at a public event in the fall to showcase the work done over the summer.
    - v. Graduate College Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion searches are February 26, March 7, and March 14. We encourage faculty and staff to attend the open forums to provide feedback.
3. Assistant Dean Heidi Arbisi-Kelm presented information for Graduate Council consideration and feedback regarding registration-limit exception requests. Graduate Council provided substantial feedback. Heidi Arbisi-Kelm will revisit the conversation at a future Graduate Council meeting.
4. Heidi Arbisi-Kelm led a discussion regarding proposed change to program GPA definition in the Graduate College Manual of Rules and Regulations. After discussion a motion was made, seconded, then unanimously approved to forward the proposal to Graduate Faculty vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 AM.