

Graduate Council (GC)
March 14, 2019

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

Absent: Professors: Butali, Doucette, Gfeller, Rakel, Quelle; Grad College Personnel: Campo

The meeting was called to order by Dean John Keller @ 8:22 AM.

1. Minutes from the February 21, 2019, meeting were approved.
2. Announcements and updates from Dean Keller:
 - Single Deposit deadline is upcoming (4/19/19).
 - UI Graduate Student and Grad College graduate assistant, Brady Krien, won the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) Excellence in Teaching award. He will receive the award next week at the annual MAGS meeting.
 - Also at MAGS, Assistant Deans Heidi Arbisi-Kelm and Teitle (along with other UI representatives) will present Supporting Student Research "Beyond the PDF": Creating Campus Collaborations that Promote Digital Scholarship.
 - On Thursday, March 28, 2019, the Office of the Vice President for Research will showcase graduate research at the Science on Tap event held at Hancher. The Graduate College External Advisory Board will be in attendance.
 - April 1-5 is Graduate Student Appreciation Week at UI. Oversized postcards are available to send notes of appreciation to students.
 - The annual Jakobsen Conference will be held on Saturday, March 30th.
 - Commencement registration closes on April 10th.
 - May 1st is the Joint Grad Faculty and Directors of Graduate Studies meeting where Graduate Council proposals requiring Board of Regent or Grad Manual changes will be presented. After the meeting a reception will be held to honor the Outstanding Mentor Award recipients.
3. Dean Keller presented a proposal to close the MA in Leisure Studies program in the Department of Health and Human Physiology. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved in favor of the closure.
4. Assistant Dean Heidi Arbisi-Kelm presented information for Graduate Council consideration and feedback regarding the combined Law (JD) and GRAD degree program. After discussion Graduate Council a motion was made and approved to include a section in the Grad Manual for the combined degree program. Heidi Arbisi-Kelm will bring text back to the Council at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 AM.