

**Graduate Council**  
**April 11, 2019**

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

Absent: Professors: Butali, Gfeller, McLeod, Xiao; Grad College Personnel: Campo, Varga

The meeting was called to order by Dean John Keller @ 8:14 AM.

1. Minutes from the March 14, 2019, meeting were approved.
2. Announcements and updates from Dean Keller:
  - The Office of the Vice President for Research showcased graduate research at the Science on Tap event held in Hancher on 3/28/19. Thank you to the Graduate Council members who attended the event with the Graduate College External Advisory Board.
  - Dean Keller applauds efforts and results of the Jakobson Conference committee remaster. The conference was held on 3/30/19.
  - April 1-5 was Graduate Student Appreciation Week. Donuts with the Deans as a popular event to gather graduate students with administrators.
  - Two advocacy events were held in April. Maurice Payne, a chemistry doctoral student, traveled to Washington, DC with Dean Keller to meet with legislators and their staff. This advocacy day was a coordinated event by the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS). On 4/9/19 the Graduate College took five students to the Iowa Legislature in Des Moines to discuss with legislators how their research impacts Iowans.
  - Fellowship application season is finishing soon.
  - The selection committee for the Innovations in Graduate Education challenge grants met. Phase II submission contacts will be notified by 4/15/19. Five (5) proposals will be funded.
  - The mass mailing to the Grad Faculty for Graduate Council at-large seat vote was distributed. The results of the election will be announced at the 5/1/19 joint Grad Faculty and DGS meeting.
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> is the Joint Grad Faculty and Directors of Graduate Studies (DGS) 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.
  - Assistant Dean Jen Teitle will conduct a webinar next week to discuss the GRFP submission process.
  - Graduate Student Senate (GSS) President KaLeigh White expressed appreciation for Joe Canella's work in updating the look of GSS materials for the Jakobsen Conference.
  - GSS elections are upcoming. This year there has been more interest in executive seats.
  - GSS coffee hour at Cortado is attracting participation. The next coffee hour is at 2:30 PM today.
3. Dean Keller presented a proposal for standardized exam exception in the Accounting (MAc) program. Daniel Collins, DEO of Accounting, and Associate Professor of Instruction Tom Carroll were available to address questions or concerns regarding the proposal. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved in favor of the exception.
4. Dean Keller presented a proposal to close two PhD subprograms in Occupational and Environmental Health: a) Industrial Hygiene, and, b) Agricultural Safety and Health. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved in favor of the closure.

5. Dean Keller presented a proposal to close the Dietetic Internship graduate certificate and PI. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved in favor of the closure.
6. Dean Keller discussed a procedure change to include a student-signed thesis and dissertation copyright agreement the time of deposit. Graduate Council members requested the document, along with a broader conversation regarding plagiarism, be brought back to Council at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 AM.