

Graduate Council (GC)
August 23, 2018

Present: Professors Butali, Gfeller, Huber, McLeod, O'Shaughnessy, Rakel, Street, Varga, Weiner, Wesely; Graduate Students: Gabriele, White; Grad College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, Campo, Danger, Keller.

Absent: Professors: Doucette, Quelle, Xiao; Graduate Students: Verniero; Grad College Personnel: Teitle.

The meeting was called to order by Dean John Keller @ 8:16 AM.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Announcements and updates:
 - Graduate College searches
 - i. The Associate Dean position vacated by Sarah Larsen has been listed. Advertising is expected to continue until September 14th.
 - ii. The CIRTl coordinator search expects to extend an offer soon.
 - iii. The webmaster position search expects to begin interviews soon.
 - University Leadership searches being conducted by Isaacson Miller include the Vice President for Research, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean, Provost, and Chief Diversity Officer.
 - Over the summer the Office of Vice President for Research staff met with the Graduate College staff to discuss possible areas of coordination and identified the following possibilities:
 - i. Matters related to postdoctoral scholars and fellows
 - ii. Responsible Conduct of Research
 - iii. Research funds and research travel funds for graduate students
 - iv. Cross promotion and coordination with communications related to graduate student research
 - v. A joint meeting of Graduate Council and Research Council
 - Graduate College Professional Development offerings are underway. We expect another robust year of applications.
 - Graduate College Academic Affairs Office:
 - i. This fall the Single Deposit thesis model is underway. A strong communication plan is in place thanks to the helpful guidance from Graduate Council last year.
 - ii. There will be several program action proposals this year. Proposers value the critical dialogue exchange with Graduate Council.
 - iii. Graduate Student Orientation:
 1. Connecting Communities, a community building orientation for students of color, keynote speaker was Melissa Shivers, Vice President for Student Life and Interim Chief Diversity Officer, was our keynote speaker.
 2. New this year – To better serve the distinct student populations, masters and doctoral students split up for the new Student Orientation. Masters keynote speaker was Jodi Linley, College of Education Assistant Professor. Doctoral keynote speaker was Sarah Bond, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Associate Professor.
 - Graduate College fall fellowship deadlines are late September. A listing of fellowship deadlines is available on the Graduate College website.

- Council representatives are interested in campus-wide initiatives (2020 Initiative, the new funding model, center and institute closures, ACE evaluation review) that may overlap with graduate education.
 - Graduate Student Senate (GSS) President, KaLeigh White, reports that GSS special election is forthcoming. The first regular meeting scheduled for September 10, 2018. Topics for GSS include travel funds and increasing participation at the Jakobsen Conference.
3. Dean Keller reviewed Graduate Council duties and responsibilities per the Graduate Manual.
 4. Reviewed tentative agenda items for AY17-18.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 AM.