

**Graduate Council**  
**September 26, 2019**

Present: Professors: Butali, Doucette, Greyser, Huber, Kang, McLeod, Rakel, Quelle, Wesely; Graduate Students: Gabriele, Waldstein, White; Grad College Personnel: Boyken, Campo, Danger, Keller, McKibben, Varga.

Absent: Professors: Cwiertny, Gfellar, Hribar, O'Shaughnessy; Grad College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, Teitle; Graduate Students: Bako.

The meeting was called to order by Dean John Keller @ 8:21 AM.

1. Minutes from the September 5, 2019, meeting were approved.
2. Announcements and updates:
  - Dean Keller reminded Graduate Council of the following activities sponsored by the Office of Vice President for Research:
    - i. Research Fair is being held on October 10, 2019 @ 1:00 – 6:30 PM in Hancher Auditorium.
    - ii. Following the Research Fair the first Research on Tap speaker will be Bruce Ganz from Otolaryngology. He will discuss his research related to hearing and speech.
    - iii. October 25<sup>th</sup> a grant writing workshop will be held. Graduate students and faculty are welcome to attend.
    - iv. Nominations for the Dare to Discover banner program are open until October 6<sup>th</sup>. Graduate and undergraduate students will be featured again this year.
  - The 3MT application deadline is October 7, 2019.
  - Nominations for Outstanding Mentor Awards are due October 21, 2019.
  - Next Graduate Council (10/10/19) we will take the council's photo, weather permitting.
  - The academic grievance procedure discussion will be continued at a future fall meeting of the council.
  - KaLeigh White provided the following announcements on behalf of GSS President Bako:
    - i. Graduate Student Employment Committee elections will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup>, there are four strong candidates on the ballot.
    - ii. An ad hoc committee is addressing issues associated with funding of students in the College of Public Health that have left the Graduate Student Senate.
    - iii. Also under consideration is how College of Business students are to be represented by shared governance now that they have lost their seat with GPSG (full-time MBA closed, but MS in Business Analytics program is growing).
    - iv. Attendance and participation on committees are increasing.
    - v. GSS will announce opportunities to serve on collegiate strategic plan steering committee/s.
2. In the Status of the Graduate College presentation Dean Keller discussed graduate student data, national landscape issues, how data is used by the AAU, as well as the Provost's goal to increase PhD enrollment by 10%.
3. Associate Dean Varga presented the Association of American Universities (AAU) PhD Education Initiative. He discussed the mission of the initiative, cohort of pilot universities (including the University of Iowa), how the initiative will unfold in phase 1, the vision of including the Innovation in Graduate Education challenge grant winners, and the goal of data transparency towards a student-centered transformation.

4. The Graduate College, along with all college and vice president units, was charged by Executive Vice President and Provost Fuentes with creating/updating their strategic plan. A call for steering committee nominations was distributed to the Associate Deans for Graduate Education, Graduate Council, Directors of Graduate Studies, all graduate faculty and all graduate students. After September 30<sup>th</sup> the committee will be formed. It is anticipated the committee will be comprised of two co-chairs and nine committee members. Dean Keller will not direct the committee but he will supply information to them in order to guide them towards feasible goals. The draft strategic plan will be submitted to leadership in February after conducting listening sessions. He will ask the steering committee co-chairs to meet with Graduate Council at a future meeting.
  
5. Associate Dean Campo announced that today is the PostComp and Ballard Seashore fellowship application deadline. Some fellowship stipends are increasing from \$9,500 to \$10,000 as a means to remain competitive for high quality students. In her Fellowships Update presentation the number of awards by fellowship type in FY19 were discussed. She divided the information by significant touch points such as recruitment, retention, completion, and professional development (e.g. travel awards and external fellowship application incentives). Not only will the recruitment fellowship stipend increase result in an additional \$17,000 of support to a student over five years, the student will be better supported given the departmental requirement to name two mentors and conduct annual individual development plans/reviews.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 AM.