

Graduate Council (GC)  
October 11, 2018

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

Absent: Professors: Butali, Doucette, Gfeller, Varga, Weiner, Xiao; Graduate Students: Bock, Gabriele; Grad College Personnel: Campo, Teitle.

The meeting was called to order by Dean John Keller @ 8:23 AM.

1. Minutes from the September 27, 2018, meeting were approved.
2. Announcements and updates:
  - The Graduate Council scheduled for October 25, 2018, is canceled.
  - The 3MT preliminary rounds saw about 50 students and ten finalists will present on November 2, 2018.
  - Fall commencement is Friday, December 14, 2018 in Hancher Auditorium at 7:00 PM.
  - The October Directors of Graduate Studies (DGS) meeting content centered on graduate students in distress. Dean Keller distributed the "Quick Guide for Students" handout.
  - The AAU Graduate Deans meeting content centered on national reports on the future of graduate education. The National Academies' executive summary handout was distributed. Recommendations identify areas of interest as careers beyond the professoriate, professional competencies, and placement outcomes.
  - Graduate Student Senate (GSS) President, KaLeigh White, reported the CLAS Dean search committee identified four candidates to interview on campus
3. John Keller introduced a proposal to create a master's program in Public Affairs. Urban and Regional Planning department chair Chuck Connerly, Professor Phuong Nguyen, Professor Haifeng Qian, as well as Political Science department chair Wenfang Tang, were available to address questions or concerns regarding the proposals. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved in favor of the new program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.