

Graduate Council (GC)  
November 15, 2018

Present: Professors: Butali, Doucette, Huber, McLeod, O'Shaughnessy, Quelle, Rakel, Street, Varga, Xiao; Graduate Students: Gabriele, Verniero, White; Grad College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, Danger, Kaufman, Keller, Teitle.

Absent: Professors: Gfeller, Weiner, Wesely; Graduate Students: Bock; Grad College Personnel: Campo.

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

1. Minutes from the October 11, 2018, meeting were approved.
2. Announcements and updates:
  - Graduate Student Senate President, KaLeigh White, reports the research grants went live. Jakobsen Conference will offer a higher focus on professional development this year.
  - Dean Keller reports the November Board of Regents meeting will include a vote whether to approve the EdD degree.
  - The Graduate College Associate Dean search process included five interviews in October then three finalist interviews in November with the hopes of filling the position by December.
  - The joint meeting of Grad Faculty and Directors of Graduate Studies will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 3:30 PM in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber.
  - Fall commencement is Friday, December 14, 2018 in Hancher Auditorium at 7:00 PM.
3. Paul Soderdahl, Associate University Librarian, discussed the pre-1996 dissertation archives digitization project. In partnership with ProQuest the University Libraries are mid-way into a five-year project to improve access to, and preservation of, University of Iowa dissertations. The oldest ones (1924-1951) are being digitized first with approximately 2,200 remaining. A handout of the project overview and milestones was provided to Graduate Council.
4. John Keller invited Professor David Cwiertny, Earth and Environmental Engineering, to discuss methods in which the Water Sustainability Development program used to improve curriculum, mentoring, completion criteria, student funding models, and professional development.
5. John Keller played a slide show created by Teresa Mangum, Obermann Center Director, in which she shares the process that will be carried out in exploring cross-discipline development towards Humanities for the Public Good.
6. John Keller led discussion on the Innovations in Graduate Education Challenge Grant call for proposals. Concept proposal deadline is January 15, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 AM.