

Graduate Council
November 21, 2019

Present: Professors: Butali, Cwiertny, Doucette, Greyser, Hribar, Huber, Kang, McLeod, O'Shaughnessy, Rakel; Graduate Students: Gabriele, Waldstein, White; Grad College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, Boyken, Danger, Keller, Teitle, Varga.

Absent: Professors: Gfeller, Quelle, Wesely; Graduate Students: Bako.

The meeting was called to order by Dean John Keller @ 8:18 AM.

1. Minutes from the October 24, 2019, meeting was approved.
2. Announcements and updates:
 - The 3MT winner was Christie Vogler from Anthropology. This year there was an increase in presentations by Humanities programs. Notable participants included Regent Barker and a local high school class.
 - Recent activity related to the AAU grant included a teleconference of team leaders of all participating institutions.
 - Dean Keller just returned from the Hawkeye Caucus in Washington, D.C.
 - The joint Graduate Faculty and Directors of Graduate Studies meeting will be Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 3:30 PM in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber.
 - Commencement is Friday, December 20, 2019, at 7:00 PM. For those interested in being an audience member, this is not a ticketed event.
 - Graduate Student Senate agenda items in November and December include a presentation regarding graduate student substance use including alcohol, contributing information to the Graduate College strategic planning committee, legislation that impacts graduate students, and delivery of the Jakobsen conference.
3. Associate Dean Varga led a discussion regarding allowing a student support person to attend an academic grievance inquiry meeting. After reading the formal academic grievance policy of other Big Ten Academic Alliance and peer institutions, Associate Dean Varga observed two institutions allowed attorneys to accompany a student during an inquiry meeting, while the remaining policies did not allow anyone other than the student to be present. Another trend observed by Associate Dean Varga was that most grade grievance cases terminate at the academic college level, thus grade grievances are not reviewed by the graduate college/school.

Council maintained an interest in allowing a person to accompany the student at an inquiry meeting due to concerns of fairness and equity in a situation likely to have a power disparity unfavorable to the student. Associate Dean Varga will discuss with General Counsel and bring back the information gathered back to Graduate Council.

4. John Keller introduced proposals related to the reevaluation of program suspensions applied during the creation of the Biomedical Sciences program. After discussion, a motion was made and approved unanimously in favor of:
 - i. Reinstating the Biochemistry PhD program and closing the Biochemistry subprogram in the Biomedical Sciences (PhD).
 - ii. Reinstating the Microbiology PhD program and closing the Microbiology subprogram in the Biomedical Sciences (PhD).
 - iii. Extending for two years the suspension of admissions to the PhD programs:
 - a) Anatomy and Cell Biology, b) Free Radical & Radiation Biology,

c) Molecular & Cellular Biology, d) Molecular Physiology and Biophysics,
and, e) Pharmacology.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM.