

Graduate Council (GC)
November 29, 2018

Present: Professors: Doucette, Huber, McLeod, O'Shaughnessy, Quelle, Street, Varga, Weiner, Wesely; Graduate Students: Bock, White; Grad College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, Campo, Danger, Kaufman, Keller, Teitle.

Absent: Professors: Butali, Gfeller, Rakel, Xiao; Graduate Students: Gabriele, Verniero

The meeting was called to order by Dean John Keller @ 8:17 AM.

1. Minutes from the November 15, 2018, meeting were approved.
2. Announcements and updates:
 - Dean Keller provided updates on searches for Provost, Vice President for Research, and Graduate College Associate Dean.
 - The Graduate College distributed a request for proposals for a new Innovation in Graduate Education Challenge Grant. The graduate student research grant funding from the Research Office will be reactivated for spring application.
 - The Council of Graduate School annual meeting held in Washington, DC, next week will feature presentations by current and former UI Graduate College personnel: Assistant Dean Arbisi-Kelm will present on the future of the dissertation, former Associate Dean Larsen will present on progressing up to a deanship.
 - A Graduate College Alumni event will be held in Washington DC just before the CGS annual meetings which features panelists David Skorton and Mary Sue Coleman. Over 70 invitees, including alumni and governmental representatives have RSVP'd for the event.
 - The Graduate Student Senate will discuss the Jakobsen Conference.
 - 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, approximately 260 doctoral and master graduates are expected to participate.
3. John Keller introduced a proposal to rename the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Comparative Literature – Translation to Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Literary Translation. Russell Ganim, Division of World Languages, Literature, and Culture (DWLLC) director, and Associate Professor of Instruction Aron Aji were available to address questions or concerns regarding the proposal. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved in favor of the renaming.
4. John Keller introduced a proposal to create a new PhD subprogram of Language, Literacy, Culture, and Global Education (LLCGE) in Teaching and Learning to close the subprograms of: a) Language, Literacy, and Culture, b) Foreign Language and ESL Education, and, c) Social Studies Education. Professors Lia Plakans, David Johnson, and Renita Schmidt were available to address questions or concerns regarding the proposal. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved in favor of the new subprogram.
5. John Keller introduced the reevaluation of program suspensions applied during the creation of the Biomedical Sciences program. College of Medicine Associate Dean Dan Tranel was available to address questions or concerns regarding the reevaluation. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved in favor of:
 - a. Reinstating the Immunology PhD program and close the Immunology subprogram in Biomedical Sciences (PhD).
 - b. Reinstating the Molecular and Cellular Biology PhD program and close the Molecular Medicine subprogram in Biomedical Sciences (PhD).

- c. Renaming the Molecular and Cellular Biology PhD program to Molecular Medicine (PhD)
- d. Extending for five additional years the suspended admission status for:
 - i. Anatomy and Cell Biology
 - ii. Biochemistry
 - iii. Free Radical & Radiation Biology
 - iv. Microbiology
 - v. Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
 - vi. Pharmacology

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM.