

Graduate Council Meeting March 11, 2021

Present: Professors: Badovinac, Cwiertny, Doucette, Forbes, Gardner, Gfeller, Greyser, Hoffmann, Hribar, Kang, O'Shaughnessy; Graduate Students: DeYoung, Gabriele, Piegors; Graduate College Personnel: Campo, Danger, Keller, Teitle, Varga.

Absent: Professors: Butali, Huber; Graduate Students: Waldstein; Graduate College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm.

The meeting was called to order by Dean John Keller @ 08:17 AM.

- 1. Minutes from the February 11, 2021, meeting were approved.**
- 2. Announcements and Updates from the Graduate College**
 - i. Dean Keller shared how he views the status of finding his successor is unfolding. The Office of the Provost is putting together a committee for an internal search. They would like to have an appointment of a new person by August 1st. Until the new person is installed John reports he will continue working hard on behalf of the students, faculty, and staff.
 - ii. Presidential search announcement today indicating the timeline. March 16th the committee will receive access to the confidential applications submitted by candidates. The committee will meet late March to go through all applications to identify semi-finalist interviews in the first of April. Ideally, there will be up to four finalist who will come to campus to interview in a hybrid model: one-on-one meetings taking place face-to-face whereas group meetings would be held virtually. The search committee is developing survey instrument to collect campus response to the candidates. The committee will organize candidate strengths and pass them on to the board in an unranked manner. The search committee is not a selection committee. The Board of Regents plans to make an appointment on Friday, April 30, 2021.
 - iii. State of Graduate Education Address is planned for April 20, 2021 over the noon hour. If you have questions or topics you would like answered in the address, please let Wendy, Katie McKibben, or John Keller know.
 - iv. GSS President John Piegors announced Graduate Student Appreciation Week will be held April 5th – 9th. GSS and GPSG are setting up event events and managing logistics, the schedule of events is evolving. Currently planning a speed friending event, yoga class, cycling class, Grad DEI Connecting Communities, virtual 5K, and paint and chill night. Jacobsen Conference will also be held in April. English as a Second Language subcommittee is meeting to discuss testing procedures, appropriate testing population, pre-testing information material, retesting, as well as program specific needs.
- 3. Proposal to create Criminology PhD program in the Department of Sociology and Criminology.** Dean Keller introduced proposers Professor Karen Heimer and DEO Jennifer Glanville were available to address questions or concerns regarding the proposal. After discussion a motion was made, and the vote to advance the proposal was approved.
- 4. Fellowship Updates.** Associate Dean Campo reported this is her favorite and busiest time of year; being buried in fellowship. The privilege of reading the accomplishments of our students as well as the promise of our recruitment fellows. February through March the Graduate College receives greater than 400 nominations for new awards at the same time we process over 100 progress reports for the multi-year fellowships. As of March 11th Dean Campo has/is processing:
 - i. The OVPR/GC small research grants (17), GSS virtual travel awards (7), and Kenneth Key (1) scholarship have been awarded.
 - ii. Recruitment Funding: Iowa Arts (10), Iowa Performance (0), Recruitment (27), LuLu Merle Johnson (24), Pelzer (3), and Capote (0) nominations received.
 - iii. Summer Funding: Covid-Delays (19), MFA (29), Digital (15), Postcomp PhD student (129) were received.

- iv. Fall Funding: Covid-Delays (20+), Postcomp PhD students (63), Ballard and Seashort (37), Diversity Fellowship (17), Diversity Scholarship (21) are pending review. ACT funding deadline is March 15th.
- v. Upcoming deadlines were reviewed. Less known funding available are two scholarships for undergraduate seniors (Callen and Sanxay) and one for child development (Winifred Scott).
- vi. HEERF funding will be announced by the Office of Financial Aid. Student must be a US citizen or permanent resident with a FAFSA on file. There is funding set aside for graduate and professional students, but if not awarded to grad/professional students will be distributed to undergraduates. The application timeline is very tight (open March 15th to March 31st).

The meeting was adjourned at 09:12 AM.

Upcoming Events

April 5-9, 2021 – Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week.

April 20, 2021 @ noon – State of Graduate Education Address (virtual)

May 14, 2021 @ 9:00 AM – Doctoral Commencement livestream

May 14, 2021 @ 7:00 PM – Masters Commencement livestream

Future 2020-21 Graduate Council Meeting Dates

2021: April 1, April 15