

Graduate Council Meeting April 15, 2021

Present: Professors: Cwiertny, Doucette, Forbes, Gardner, Gfeller, Hoffmann, Hribar, Kang, Graduate Students: Gabriele, Waldstein; Graduate College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, Danger, Keller, McKibben, Varga.

Absent: Professors: Badovinac, Butali, Greyser, Huber, O'Shaughnessy; Graduate Students: DeYoung, Piegors; Graduate College Personnel: Campo, Teitle.

The meeting was called to order by Dean John Keller @ 08:16 AM.

- 1. Minutes from the March 11, 2021, meeting were approved.**
- 2. Associate Provost (AP) and Graduate College Dean search:** Dean Kristoff-Brown and Professor Kevin Legge attended the meeting today to share the following about the AP/Dean search. Today (4/15/21) is the deadline to apply for the position. The committee will convene to identify finalists in the next week. They estimate three finalists will be invited to an all-day interview the week of May 3, 2021.
- 3. Announcements and Updates from the Graduate College**
 - i. Dean Keller reminded Council the first campus visit for a presidential finalists were Monday-Tuesday. The second finalist's open forum is tomorrow afternoon. The other two finalists will have campus interviews next week. To keep apprised of search activities, please visit the presidentsearch.uiowa.edu webpage. Campus feedback regarding each finalist will be collected via webforms.
 - ii. State of Graduate Education Address is at noon on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. If you are unable to attend a recording of the address will be posted to the [Graduate College website](#). There will be a question-and-answer segment in the address. Katie McKibben is collecting questions via email.
 - iii. Virtual Jakobsen Conference is scheduled for April 29, 2021. Student participation is strong with 31 registered to attend thus far. All four speakers are alumni and their talk topics are provide value to graduate students. Anyone may attend the talks which begin at 10:00, it is not limited to registered participants.
 - iv. GSS President Piegors states the governing body has been focused on the upcoming elections. Despite the pandemic, he expects a strong slate of candidates.
- 4. Proposal to create Data Science MS in the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science.** Dean Keller introduced proposers Professor Huang and DEO Kung-Sik Chan 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.
- 5. Proposal to rename Journalism (MS) to Mass Communication (MS)** Dean Keller introduced proposer Associate Professor Dalrymple who was available to address questions or concerns regarding the proposal. After discussion a motion was made, and the vote to advance the proposal was approved.
- 6. Proposal to rename Mass Communications (PhD) to Mass Communication (PhD)** Dean Keller introduced proposer Associate Professor Dalrymple who was available to address questions or concerns regarding the proposal. After discussion a motion was made, and the vote to advance the proposal was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:17 AM.