

**Graduate Council Meeting
May 6, 2021**

Present: Professors: Badovinac, Butali, Doucette, Forbes, Gardner, Gfeller, Hoffmann, Hribar, Kang, O'Shaughnessy. Graduate Students: Gabriele, Piegors, Waldstein; Graduate College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, Campo, Danger, Keller.

Absent: Professors: Cwiertny, Greyser, Huber; Graduate Students: DeYoung; Graduate College Personnel: McKibben, Teitle, Varga.

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

- 1. Proposal to close select Informatics degree subprograms (Bioinformatics and Computational Biology – PhD, MS, CER; Geoinformatics – PhD, CER; Health Informatics – PhD, CER; Information Science – PhD, MS, CER).** Associate Dean Campo introduced proposer, Professor Hourcade. He 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.
- 2. Proposal to create a new Informatics degree subprograms (Human-Computer Interaction – MS)** Proposer, Professor Hourcade, 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.
- 3. Remote Defense Survey Follow-up: Results and Next Steps.** Assistant Dean Arbisi-Kelm outlined the logistic, engagement, and synergy comparisons between in-person and remote defense. Council agrees steps should be taken to engage campus on codifying policy for a remote/hybrid defense option.
- 4. Minutes from the April 15, 2021, meeting were approved.**
- 5. Announcements and Updates from the Graduate College by Associate Dean Campo**
 - i. After leading a successful virtual Jakobsen conference, Graduate Student Senate elected Kody Waldstein as President for AY21-22.
 - ii. Both Graduate College virtual commencements will be livestreamed on Friday, May 15th.
 - iii. She reminded Council Spriestersbach nominations are due on June 4th. Eligible disciplines this year are the Biological and Life Sciences as well as Humanities and Fine Arts. Montgomery nominations are also due on June 4th.
 - iv. Acting Dean Geist's first day with the Graduate College is Monday, May 17th.
 - v. The exiting and returning council members were thanked for their service.
 - vi. A summation of Graduate Council AY20-21 activities will be distributed by Wendy Danger.
 - vii. During the summer months our Graduate College staff are available, reach out any time.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:01 AM.