

Graduate Council Meeting October 21, 2021

Present: Professors: Badovinac, Doucette, Forbes, Gardner, Greyser, Hoffman, Kang, O'Shaughnessy, Qian, Van Otterloo; Graduate Students: Harper, Post, Waldstein; Graduate College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, Danger, McKibben, Teitle, Thein, Varga.

Absent: Professors: Beck, Cwiertny, Hribar; Graduate Students: Sells; Graduate College Personnel: Campo.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Thein @ 08:18 AM.

1. Announcements

Dean Thein is pleased to announce the Graduate College will resume in-person commencements. On Friday, December 17, 2021, the doctoral ceremony begins at 9:00 AM and the master's ceremony begins at 9:00 PM. Both ceremonies will be held in Hancher Auditorium. This year faculty will need to order their apparel ahead of time and return using the prepaid shipping label. There will not be an opportunity to pick up or return the apparel at Hancher.

Kody Waldstein, Graduate Student Senate (GSS) President, reports GSS is working to bring back Friday night vibes event with the Graduate and Professional Student Government for the students comfortable with joining these events. Also under discussion is resuming Coffee at Cortado. Travel fund applications are opening.

- 2. October 7, 2021, meeting minutes were unanimously approved with the following adjustments: 1) fix spelling of transportation, and 2) note Van Otterloo was present.**
- 3. Proposal to create a Master of Science (MS) in Health Services Research.**
Dean Thein introduced the proposers Professor Keith Mueller and Assistant Professor Kanika Arora who were available to address questions or concerns regarding the proposal. After discussion a motion was made and seconded. The vote to advance the proposal was approved unanimously.
- 4. Proposal to close the Master of Science (MS) in Health Policy.**
Proposers Mueller and Arora were available to address concerns regarding the proposal. After discussion a motion was made and seconded. The vote to advance the proposal was approved unanimously.
- 5. Proposal to change committee composition policy.**
Associate Dean Varga presented information regarding peer institution committee composition and discussed the faculty burden in small units with regard to our current committee size requirements. After discussion a motion was made and seconded. The vote to advance the proposal was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 08:59 AM.