

**Graduate Council Meeting  
February 10, 2022**

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

**Absent:** Graduate Students: Sells; Graduate College Personnel: Campo.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Thein @ 08:15 AM.

**1. Announcements**

Dean Thein announced the doctoral commencement ceremony will be held at 11:00 AM in Carver Hawkeye Arena on 5/13/22. Parking will be challenging. Faculty, students, family, and friends will be asked to plan for this.

Kody Waldstein, GSS President, announced that GSS is bringing back the Friday Night Vibes series. GSS will cover the cost of food for graduate students. The next Friday Night Vibe will be held at Big Grove party room, so that graduate students across disciplines can socialize. GSS has also been hosting a coffee hour every other Thursday at Cortado. The third travel fund cycle will be underway soon with a 4/22/22 deadline. Reminders to students will be coming out shortly. The Jakobsen Conference has been transformed into the Jakobsen Graduate Student Development Series. This will be a lasting change, benefiting more graduate students throughout each year, which keeps the Jakobsen legacy intact. The improv training was the first in the series. GSS is using Twitter to further engage graduate student professional development and networking. Good examples of this are found in the STEM fields, but to benefit students in the Arts and Humanities he asks council to share any social media that is excelling in those disciplines.

**2. November 11, 2021, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.**

**3. Proposal to rename Biochemistry (PhD, MS) to Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (PhD, MS)**

Dean Thein introduced the proposer, Professor Marc Wold, who was 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 create a Talent Development graduate certificate**

Dean Thein introduced the proposers, Randolph Lange, Laurie Croft, and Associate Dean Pam Wesely, 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 08:46 AM.