

Graduate Council Meeting
March 10, 2022

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

Absent: Professors: Badovinac, Gardner, O'Shaughnessy; Graduate Students: Sells; Graduate College Personnel: Campo, Teitle.

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

1. Announcements

Dean Thein announced the Graduate College is seeking nominations for the Graduate Council at-large representative. A member of the graduate faculty with an interdisciplinary mindset is a desirable trait for the at-large representative.

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.

Since Graduate Faculty electronic voting has generated broader participation than in-person events, the Graduate College is redesigning the gather of the Graduate Faculty to a graduate education celebration on May 4, 2022. The celebratory program will emphasize recognition and encourage socializing. Graduate Council, as the executive body of the graduate faculty, are encouraged to attend.

Kody Waldstein, GSS President, announced the Big Grove event was a great success, a sign that students are ready for in-person socializing. GSS is exploring with GPSG ways to fund events in late March and April. This is the time of year in which GSS is working towards elections for next year, securing a smooth transition of power.

2. March 10, 2022, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Proposal to create an Artificial Intelligence, Modeling and Simulation graduate certificate.

Dean Thein introduced the proposer, Ching-long Lin, Departmental Executive Officer of Mechanical Engineering. He was available to address questions regarding the proposal. After discussion it was determined that Dean Thein and Assistant Dean Arbisi-Kelm would share Council feedback to the proposers with a plan to bring an augmented proposal back to Council for a future vote.

4. Discussion regarding Outstanding Mentoring Award.

Associate Dean Varga announced a call for nominations for the Outstanding Mentor Award was circulated with the nomination extended to April 1, 2022. In the past the awards were selected by an internal process in the Graduate College. To gain a deeper appreciation the award and engage Graduate Council in selection process, AD Varga asked for volunteers to comprise a three-person (2 faculty, 1 student) selection committee. William Doucette, Haifeng Qian, and Riley Post agreed to serve on the selection committee. A one-hour meeting will be scheduled in April 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:03 AM.