

Graduate Council Meeting
April 14, 2022

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

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

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 in Engineering graduate certificate.

Dean Thein introduced the proposer, Ching-long Lin, Departmental Executive Officer of Mechanical Engineering. He was available to address questions regarding the updated proposal. After discussion a motion was made and seconded. The vote to advance the proposal was approved unanimously.

4. Proposal to revise comprehensive and final examination committee voting language based on committee size.

Associate Dean Varga presented information regarding voting of committees with various sizes. The proposal clarifies the voting outcomes for the comprehensive and final examination based on committee size. This policy change is in alignment with current practice and the proposed change improves transparency. The change also limits committee size to seven without prior approval. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded. The vote to advance the proposal was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:03 AM.