

Graduate Council Meeting
Thursday, November 3, 2022

Present: Professors: Badovinac, Barragan, Beck, Doucette, Forbes, Hoffman, Legge, O'Shaughnessy, Qian, Van Otterloo; Graduate Students: Cota, Harper, States; Graduate College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, Danger, Thein

Absent: Professors: Buck, Hribar, Johnson; Graduate Students: Ismail; Graduate College Personnel: Campo, McKibben, Teitle, Varga.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Thein at 08:18 a.m.

1. Welcome & Announcements by Dean Thein

Dean Thein:

- Commencements will be held on Friday, December 16th at Hancher auditorium; doctoral ceremony is at 9:00 AM and masters ceremony is at 7:00 PM. We have student speakers assigned for each ceremony.
- The 3MT Finals will be held on Friday, November 4, 2022.

GSS President States:

- Jakobsen research symposia, a local opportunity for students to display their work, will be held in mid-March. A call for abstracts will be sent in 1-2 months.

2. Minutes of the September 22, 2022, meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Discussion of strategic plan tactics for graduate education.

Strategic plan implementation is happening across campus. Dean Thein remains in each strategy to assure graduate students are well-represented in all areas of the strategic plan. She is cochairing the Student Success Implementation Team with Tanya Uden-Holman. Two key strategies include:

- More clearly define existing areas of strengths and opportunities to increase access to diverse mentors with faculty, staff, and alumni. Jen Teitle and Katherine Beydler working with Obermann Center and others on campus to scale peer-to-peer mentoring between new graduate students and more experienced graduate students. The model from University Colorado at Boulder identified benefits to both populations involved in their peer-to-peer mentoring program.
- Promote an institutional culture of elevates the value of teaching excellence by expanding comprehensive support and professional development for teaching.

The college launched a [GOLDrush campaign](#) to fund startup costs associated with the peer mentoring program. Please consider contributing to the campaign and sharing it on your social media platforms.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.