

Graduate Council Meeting
Thursday, March 30, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order by Dean Thein at 08:17 a.m.

1. Welcome & Announcements by Dean Thein

Dean Thein:

- Commencements will be held on Friday, May 12th at Carver Hawkeye Arena; doctoral ceremony is at 11:00 AM and masters ceremony is at 7:00 PM.
- Graduate Student Senate (GSS) put on a wonderful Jakobsen conference last weekend. Many thanks to the organizers for the great event.
- May 3, 2023, will be the Graduate Education Celebration in the Old Capitol. This event gathers key graduate education communities together to celebrate the achievements this year. Featured graduate students will include Riley Post's 3MT presentation, Darius Stewart's literature reading, and Jordan Ismaiel will docent a curated graduate student art showcase.
- GradX event hosted by University of Iowa this year. Event by the Big Ten Academic Alliance that is Mellon funded. Intended to help underrepresented students (e.g. deferred action for childhood arrivals, underrepresented minority, and first generation) learn about graduate studies. The first event was hosted by Purdue in Fall 2022.
- Degree audit digitation and automation project, led by Jenna Miller, will launch this summer. Be on the lookout for further information and details.

GSS President States:

- This year's Jakobsen was designed to showcase graduate students' research and creative works in an accessible way. Please encourage your faculty to participate in Spring 2023.
- Graduate Student Senate elections are coming up for GSS leadership positions. GSS asks faculty to encourage students to consider engaging with GSS as an area senator.

2. Minutes of the November 3, 2022, meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Doucette and seconded Beck. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Proposal to close Developmental Reading (MA) subprogram in Teaching and Learning. Dean Thein presented the proposal to close. Pam Wesely, Associate Dean in the College of Education was available for questions and comments. A motion was made to approve the closure by O'Shaughnessy and seconded by Buck. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Proposal to close Schools, Culture, and Society (MA and PhD) subprogram in Educational Policy and Leadership Studies.

Dean Thein presented the proposal to close. Pam Wesely, Associate Dean in the College of Education was available for questions and comments. Discussion followed. A motion

was made to approve the closure by Beck and seconded by O'Shaughnessy. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Proposal to close Asian Civilizations (MA).

Dean Thein presented the proposal to close. Discussion followed. A motion was made to approve the closure by Johnson and seconded by O'Shaughnessy. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Proposal to close German (MA).

Dean Thein presented the proposal to close. Discussion followed. A motion was made to approve the closure by Doucette and seconded by Beck. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Proposal to closure the Social Work (MSW) Bettendorf Learning Center.

Dean Thein presented the proposal to close. Discussion followed. Proposers from Social Work will be invited to a future Graduate Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.