

Graduate Council Meeting
Thursday, April 13, 2023

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

Absent: Graduate Students: Ismaiel.

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

1. Welcome & Announcements by Dean Thein

Graduate College announcements:

- Join us at the Graduate Education Celebration in the Old Capitol on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 @ 3:30 PM.
- Looking to share accomplishments of faculty and students for media platforms, send your ideas to Katie McKibben.
- One Day for Iowa raised over \$5,000, an increase from last year!
- Successful day at the State Capitol speaking to legislators as part of the Hawkeye Caucus yesterday (4/12/23).

2. Minutes of the March 30, 2023, meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Legge and seconded by Beck. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Proposal to create a graduate certificate of Multilingualism and Culturally Responsive Practice in Speech-Language Pathology.

Dean Thein presented the proposal. Philip Combiths, Associate Professor in Communication Sciences and Disorders, was available for questions and comments. A motion was made to approve the new certificate by O'Shaughnessy and seconded by Beck. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Follow up discussion on proposal to close the Social Work (MSW) Bettendorf learning center.

Dean Thein introduced Steven Cummings, Clinical Associate Professor, Miriam Landsman, Departmental Executive Officer, and Chuck Weiland, Departmental Administrator, from the School of Social Work. A discussion regarding the Bettendorf learning center closure impact on the Quad Cities area need for social workers when this in-person program. The online hybrid MSW program offered by the University of Iowa remains available to students from the Quad Cities area. A unique factor for in-person instruction in the area includes saturation by St. Ambrose and St. Augustana. A motion was made by Legge to approve the closure of the Bettendorf learning center and was seconded by Doucette. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Proposal to create an online learning center for the Executive subprogram of the Master of Health Administration (MHA) program.

Dean Thein presented the proposal. The proposers, Ken Anderson, DEO of Health Management and Policy, and Gwen Archibald, Director of Student Services and Academic Program Support, was available for questions and comments. Discussion

followed. A motion was made by Doucette to approve the online learning center and seconded by Beck. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Proposal to modify the Doctoral and Master's Grad Exam Evaluation policy.

Assistant Dean Heidi Arbisi-Kelm presented the proposal. Discussion followed. A motion was made to approve the closure by Beck and seconded by Legge. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Proposal to closure the Costume Direction subprogram in Theater Arts (MFA).

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.