

Graduate Council Meeting
Thursday, April 27, 2023

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

Absent: Professors: Beck, Hribar, Johnson

The meeting was called to order by Dean Thein at 08:16 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.
- Commencement on Friday, May 12, 2023; doctoral at 11:00 a.m., masters at 7:00 p.m.
- Discussion and poll regarding modality for Graduate Council in academic year 2023-2024. Strongly in favor of meeting in-person for the first meeting followed by Zoom meetings through the remainder of the year.

2. Minutes of the April 13, 2023, meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Doucette and seconded by O'Shaughnessy. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Considering Policy and practice improvement for graduate certificates: a discussion of key program administration and policy topics.

Dean Thein introduced Assistant Dean Arbisi-Kelm and Sara Pettit to discuss progress and completion oversight of certificate clearance within the Academic Affairs Office. As an advisory body the Graduate College they sought an open dialogue about graduate certificates. Representatives reflected on their knowledge and experience with graduate certificates. Certificate minimum requirements discussion on credit hours and grade point average followed. Benchmarking with Big Ten or survey of current graduate students could analyze how certificates and graduate minors are perceived. Information was shared about current admissions practices into a graduate certificate. Reviewed credit-sharing operational highlights. A plan was made to refine graduate certificate policy and bring back to Graduate Council.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.