

Graduate Council Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2024

Present: Professors: Barragan, Beck, Buck, Doucette, Filios, Frank, Hoffman, Hribar, Johnson, Legge, O'Shaughnessy, Qian, Van Otterloo; Graduate Students: Ismaiel, Monaghan, Nennig, Tennesen; Graduate College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm; Danger, McKibben, Pettit, Ta, Teitle, Thein

The meeting was called to order by Dean Thein at 8:15 AM.

1. Welcome & Announcements

Graduate College announcements:

- Graduate Education Celebration will take place on May 1st, at 3:30 PM in the Old Capitol. Invitations will be emailed soon.
- Both commencements will be in Carver Hawkeye Arena on Thursday, May 9, 2024 (masters') and Friday, May 10, 2024 (doctoral) at 7:00 PM.
- Thank you very much for the excellent service by those rolling off Graduate Council this spring.
- Postdoc MN Duluth (provost office) – Hannah Nennig. Jordan waiting on residency application. Karley another academic year.

Graduate Student Senate (GSS) announcements:

- Monaghan, GSS President, elections at last meeting, all positions were filled.
- Friday Night Vibes at Big Grove was a great success. Estimated attendance was 140 people. At the event GSS gave awards for Jakobsen Showcase Conference with a rolling PowerPoint of awards/honors in which about 100 graduate students were recognized. Women basketball team won after the event, adding to the excitement of the evening. GSS will conduct one more meeting this academic year. President Monaghan is very excited about the Executive Council and Grad Council representatives for next year.

- 2. Minutes of the March 28, 2024, meeting.** Nennig made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by O'Shaughnessy. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Presentation of CLAS administrative unit restructuring.

Assistant Dean Arbisi-Kelm provided a summary of this proposal coming to Grad Council as a means of providing campus an update on changes for where graduate programs will move to newly named programs in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

CLAS Associate Deans Lang and Getz were introduced. They shared the plan to create two administrative units: 1) School of Earth, Environment, and Sustainability, and 2) Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures. The intention of the restructuring is to facilitate strategic collaborations to build capacity. Graduate programs that currently exist, except for closing Second Languages Acquisition (PhD), will be rehomed to the new administrative units.

- 4. Proposal to create an online learning center for the Engineering and Information Technology (MS) and to close the Deere Works learning center.**

Dean Thein provided a summary of this proposal. Gary Christensen, Er-Wei Bai, and Uday Kumar, College of Engineering Associate Dean, joined to provide background and address any questions Council may have regarding the proposal.

A vote to support the proposal was undertaken. O'Shaughnessy made a motion to approve the proposed change. The motion was seconded by Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Proposal to create the Radiochemistry graduate certificate.

Dean Thein provided a summary of this proposal and background.

A vote to support the proposal was undertaken. Nennig made a motion to approve the proposed change. The motion was seconded by Buck. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM.