

Graduate Council Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 2024

Present: Professors: Barragan, Buck, Filios, Frank, Gaine, Green, Hoffman, Johnson, Legge, Logsdon, Reynolds; Graduate Students: Dewitt, Helm-Kwasny, Tennessen; Graduate College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, Danger, Pettit, Rodriguez-Rodriguez, Ta, Their

Absent: Graduate Students: Golpour

The meeting was called to order by Dean Their at 8:16 AM.

1. Welcome & Announcements

Graduate Student Senate (GSS) announcements by President Helm-Kwasny:

- The first GSS General Assembly was held with greater than 40 senators present. This year the meetings will include presentations from support services on campus such as the recent presentation from the Office of the Ombudsperson. The idea is to educate senators so they may take this information back to their programs.
- The Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG) budget was passed.
- In the coming weeks GSS committees will be forming.
- GSS sent a letter of support for the COGS End the Fees campaign to GPSG.

2. Minutes of the August 29, 2024, meeting. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Reynolds. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Presentation: How do I become a graduate nurse at UI: Let me count the ways. Professor Buck outlined the pathways in which people enter graduate nursing programs as well as the outcomes for the MSN, DNP, and PhD degrees.

4. Introduce and discuss Graduate Council subcommittee review of Graduate Manual policy on Plagiarism (subsection F) and the Academic Grievance Procedure). Dean Their led discussion. Policy updates were determined by the Graduate College as needed and also requested by recent academic grievance committee members. Artificial Intelligence is a newer element to the academic environment, which could lead to academic dishonesty, and is not addressed in current policy. An AI in graduate education discussion at a future Graduate Council meeting was requested.

While reviewing the current policy, the Graduate College would like the subcommittee to also consider broadening and renaming policy to reflect all types of Academic Misconduct. The subcommittee should review policy and practices across campus such as academic ethics models, research integrity, and Division of Student Life code of conduct. Another policy element to consider is whether a dismissed student from an academic college should lead to dismissal from the Graduate College.

Filios made a motion to conclude the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tennessen. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM.