Graduate Council Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 2022

**Present:** Professors: Barragan, Beck, Buck, Doucette, Forbes, Hoffman, Paul Hribar, Legge, O’Shaughnessy, Qian, Van Otterloo; Graduate Students: Cota, Harper, Ismail, States; Graduate College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, McKibben, Ta, Teitle, Thein.

Absent: Professors: Badovinac; Graduate College Personnel: Campo, Danger, Varga.

The meeting was called to order by Dean Thein at 08:16 a.m.

1. **Welcome, Introductions & Announcements by Dean Thein**

* Dean Thein’s vision for graduate education at Iowa – the goal is to be an advocate for students
* Katie Bottorff is looking for students to speak at the fall commencements. Katie McKibben is looking for young alumni speakers, as well.
* The college is launching a GOLDrush campaign to fund a startup peer mentoring program.
* Vivian Ta was announced to the group as the college’s newly appointed DEI director.
* Nicole States mentioned that GSS had a good kickoff this week and they are seeking to increase membership.
* Jen Teitle reminded the group about the upcoming 3MT contest.

1. **Minutes of the April 14, 2022, meeting** **were approved unanimously.** Harleah Buck

abstained from voting citing that she was not present at the last meeting.

1. **Dean Thein reviewed the council’s duties and responsibilities.**

A document from the Manual of Rules and Regulation was circulated prior to the meeting that outlined the duties and responsibilities of Graduate Council. Dean Thein looks to this advisory body to function as the executive committee of the graduate faculty. They can expect to see program or policy revisions and are asked to make recommendations. Furthermore, they may assist the dean in administrative matters or be asked to serve on ad hoc committees. Council is a key stakeholder and primary advisory body and may consult, provide feedback or input in matters related to graduate education. The Council represents a wide spectrum of campus colleges. Representatives, as collaborating partners, amplify the initiatives undertaken by the Graduate College.

1. **Proposal to close two subprograms and add one subprogram in the Pharmacy (PhD, MS) program.**

Dean Thein introduced the proposers: Johnathan Doorn, David Roman & Lois Baker; representatives from the College of Pharmacy. They detailed the program proposal requesting closure of two subprograms (Medicinal and Natural Products Chemistry & Clinical Pharmaceutical Sciences) and creation of a new subprogram (Drug Discovery and Experimental Therapeutics) in the Fall 2023. Discussion followed. Bill Doucette motioned to approve the changes and Margaret Beck seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. **Proposal to closure School Curriculum and Assessment Policy (EdS) subprogram in the Educational Policy and Leadership program.**

Dean Thein discussed the proposal to close effective Fall 2022. Discussion followed. Patrick O’Shaughnessy moved to approve the closure and Haifeng Qian seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.