

Graduate Council Meeting  
Thursday, March 28, 2024

**Present:** Professors: Barragan, Beck, Buck, Doucette, Filios, Hoffman, Hribar, Legge, O'Shaughnessy, Qian, Van Otterloo; Graduate Students: Monaghan, Nennig, Tennessen; Graduate College Personnel: Danger, Ta, Teitle, Thein

**Absent:** Professors: Frank, Johnson; Graduate Students: Ismaiel

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

**1. Welcome & Announcements**

Graduate College announcements:

- Graduate Education Celebration will take place on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.
- All Grad Admissions Toolkit modules planned for this year have been completed. Hundreds of log-ins have been recorded. Congratulations to all involved!
- Assistant Dean Jen Teitle announced the Peer2Peer Mentoring program is taking mentor applications. More information can be found at <https://grad.uiowa.edu/graduate-peer-mentoring>.
- Please encourage your graduate students to participate in the Grad Appreciation Week events next week hosted by the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) and the Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG).
- Ana Rodríguez Rodríguez was hired to begin July 1, 2024, as the new Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Student Success.

Graduate Student Senate (GSS) announcements:

- Monaghan, GSS President, provided an overview of the Learn over Lunch series. A recent session was related to taxes with over 40 attendees. Next week's session will cover power of attorney with Student Legal Services. GSS held the Jakobsen showcase this past weekend. It's a research showcase that is funded by the Jakobsen family. Graduate students share research with people outside of their discipline. Winners will be named, and prizes awarded, next week at the Friday Night Vibes even. GSS will host elections at the next meeting: including new executive council.

- 2. Minutes of the November 11, 2024, meeting.** Filios made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Beck. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 3. Proposal to close numerous dormant programs of study in the Department of Teaching and Learning in the College of education.**  
Dean Thein provided a summary of this proposal and background. Pam Wesley, College of Education Associate Dean, joined to address any questions Council may have regarding the proposal. A vote to approve was undertaken. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Proposal to close Couple and Family Therapy subprogram (PhD) in Psychological and Quantitative Foundations.**

Dean Thein provided a summary of this proposal and background. Pam Wesley, College of Education Associate Dean, joined to address any questions Council may have regarding the proposal.

A vote to approve the proposal was undertaken. Beck made a motion to approve the proposed change. The motion was seconded by Doucette. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Proposal to discontinue offering the EdD in Educational Policy and Leadership Studies (Higher Education) subprogram and (PK-12 Administration) subprogram at Briar Cliff (Sioux City), Learning Center.**

Dean Thein provided a summary of this proposal and background. Pam Wesley, College of Education Associate Dean, joined to address any questions Council may have regarding the proposal.

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

**6. Proposal to close Second Language Acquisition (PhD and PI) in the Division of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.**

Dean Thein provided a summary of this proposal and background. After discussion a vote to approve the proposal was undertaken. Filios made a motion to approve the proposed change. The motion was seconded by O'Shaughnessy. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. Proposal to extend interim or temporary acceptance of Duolingo English Test through Fall 2026 admission cycle and raise the minimum required score from 105 to 120.**

Dean Thein provided a summary of this proposal and background. After discussion a vote to approve the proposal was undertaken. Buck made a motion to approve the proposed change. The motion was seconded by Hribar. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.