MEMORANDUM

To: Graduate Council Members

From: John C. Keller, Dean

Date: August 19, 2016

The Graduate Council will meet Thursday, August 25, beginning at 8:15 a.m. in the Callen Conference Room, 5 Gilmore Hall (lower level).

AGENDA

1) Approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2016 meeting – see attached (Keller, 5 minutes)

2) Announcements (Keller, Bernabo, 15 minutes)

3) Preview of 2016-17 Graduate Council activities (Keller, 15 minutes)

Meeting Dates
September 1
September 15
October 6
October 20
November 3
November 17
December 1
December 15 (if needed)
Graduate Council  
August 25, 2016

Present: Professors Ankenmann, Banas, Fethke, Figdor, Ganim, Kristof-Brown, Quelle, Varga Xiao; Graduate Students Bagby, Black, Bernabo, Morabe; Deans Keller, Larsen; Faculty Fellow Campo; Staff Arbisi-Kelm, Crooks, Teitle

Absent: Professors Blumberg, Creekmur, Wurster

1. Members were welcomed, introductions made, and Dean Keller shared summary of Graduate Council responsibilities, expectations, & meeting schedules.

2. The minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Announcements and updates:
   - The Graduate Student Senate will hold its first formal meeting of the year on September 6.
   - Spring commencement – 211 doctorates, 667 masters
   - The Graduate College received a Strategic Investment Fund award in conjunction with the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology to fund TA training and a Program Coordinator to oversee joint efforts focused on advancing graduate student teaching excellence.
   - The work of the Graduate Education Task Force was completed and submitted to the Office of the Provost. It was also shared with programs and will be distributed to Council members.
   - The Graduate College Self-study is now posted on the College website. A site visit will be conducted October 2-4. Visitors will meet with the Council.
   - An electronic copy of the recently published annual report is available on line.
   - Over the summer staff in the Office of Graduate Student Success created Fellowship Communities to support students as they apply for nationally competitive scholarships. More information may be found here.
   - The call for Ballard-Seashore nominations is now open for Spring ’17 awards.
   - Save the date – Former UI President & current Smithsonian Secretary David Skorton will deliver an address at Hancher Auditorium on March 30, 2017. The event is free and open to the public. Additional information may be found here.

3. Dean Keller provided an overview of anticipated Graduate Council action items for the 2017 – 2016 academic year (attached).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.
University of Iowa Graduate Council
Tentative Agenda Items 2016-2017

- Review Graduate College Policies and Procedures, as required and necessary (Manual of Rules and Regulations)
  - Academic Misconduct Policy – language modification
- Conduct review of changes to existing programs and new graduate program proposals anticipated in 2016-17:
  - New DNP subprogram in Health Systems
  - New Masters of Science in Finance
  - Closure of doctoral subprogram in Rehabilitation Counselor Education in the program or Rehabilitation & Counselor Education
  - Closure of multiple obsolete programs in Communication Studies (doctoral and masters)
  - New U2G Proposal BA, Grinnell College and Master of Computer Science (MCS), The University of Iowa
  - New MS (thesis/non-thesis) subprogram in CEE Sustainable Water Development
  - New doctoral subprogram Biomedical Science (Cancer Biology)
  - New combined degree with Urban and Regional Planning and Higher Educations and Student Affairs
  - New Certificate in Communication Studies - Event Planning

Other:

- Review progress towards meeting the goals of the Strategic Plan pertaining to graduate education, including recent audit issues & findings
- Review of funding allocations & process — e.g. Fellowships programs
- Exit Survey Review 2015-2016
- Review key graduate education data annually as data is available and assembled
- Graduate College Website Redesign
- Future of the Dissertation
- Directions of Graduate Education
  - Summation of the Graduate Education Task Force work
  - Status of Graduate College Self-Study
  - Implementation of campus-wide Individual Development Plans
  - Identification of Professional Development opportunities for Graduate Faculty
  - Revise the structure/definition of Graduate Faculty