Graduate Council (GC)
March 1, 2018

Present: Professors Anstreicher, Banas, Fethke, Figdor, Ganim, McLeod, Quelle, Rakel, Varga, Wesely; Graduate Students: Faith, White; Grad College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, Danger, Keller, Larsen, Sparks, Teitle.

Absent: Professors: Weiner, Wurster, Xiao; Graduate Student: Verniero; Graduate College Personnel: Campo.

The meeting was called to order by Senior Associate Dean Sarah Larsen @ 8:15 AM.

1. Announcements and updates:
   a. Graduate Council members are invited to join the Graduate College External Advisory Board Thursday, April 12, 2018, at the Stanley Café in Hancher. Formal invitations are forthcoming.
   b. An At-Large Member seat will be vacant at the end of this academic year. The call for nominations ends today, March 1, 2018.
   c. The Daily Iowan recently ran an op-ed piece by Dean Keller.
   d. The deadline for Summer Fellowship applications is soon approaching.
   e. Open Doors will be held April 14, 2018. Panelists include those serving in the nonprofit, industry, and community college sectors. There will be a speed networking activity at Open Doors this year.

2. Minutes from the February 1, 2018, meeting were approved.

3. Senior Associate Dean Sarah Larsen presented a proposal from the School of Urban and Regional Planning to close the Master of Arts (MA) in Urban and Regional Planning, thesis and non-thesis. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved in favor of the program closure.

4. Senior Associate Dean Sarah Larsen presented a proposal from the College of Education to close the graduate certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL). After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved in favor of the certificate closure.

5. Senior Associate Dean Sarah Larsen presented a proposal from the Department of Psychological and Quantitative Foundations to close the subprogram of School Psychology (EdS and PhD). After discussion, including a student testimonial sent to GSS, the decision was made to defer a vote until additional details about the closure impact for students currently enrolled in the subprogram can be discussed further with the College of Education.

6. Richard Hichwa, Senior Associate Vice President for Research and Economic Development, led a discussion regarding proposed changes to the Intellectual Property Policy. Graduate Council provided feedback.

7. Senior Associate Dean Sarah Larsen led discussion regarding the definition of graduate faculty status and graduate committee composition. Graduate Council provided feedback. The discussion will be continued at a future Graduate Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.