Graduate Council (GC)  
April 26, 2018


Absent: Professors: Figdor, Quelle, Varga; Graduate College Personnel: Campo.

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

1. Announcements and updates:
   - The gradSERU survey went out 3/20/18. The response rate is currently around 24%. The survey is active until May 25, 2018. Interval messages from multiple University offices continue to be distributed via email to students who have yet to participate.
   - Graduate Faculty meeting will be Wednesday, May 2, 2018 @ 3:30. The closure of the Urban and Regional Planning MA program is an action item. The Graduate College will also recognize Outstanding Postdoctoral Mentor award and Outstanding Mentor award winners. Reception to follow.
   - The graduate faculty and committee composition has been tabled pending further discussions.
   - The diversity fellowships and scholarships are currently being processed.
   - Commencements are on Friday, May 11, 2018.

2. Minutes from the March 29, 2018, meeting were approved.

3. Sarah Larsen introduced a proposal to create a graduate certificate in African American Studies, Department of African American Studies. Associate Professor Damani Phillips and Professor Tim Havens were available to address questions or concerns regarding the proposal. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved in favor of the certificate creation.

4. Following the tabled proposal to close the PhD and EdS in Psychological and Quantitative Foundations (School Psychology) program, Sarah Larsen introduced Associate Dean Amanda Thein, College of Education, who presented a collegiate (CoEd) plan for addressing the completion needs of doctoral students currently in the program. In addition to explaining CoEd efforts to ensure that current students have the opportunity to graduate from an accredited program, Dean Thein also took questions from Council. Finally, she reported that she had met with School Psychology subprogram graduate students earlier in the week to also communicate the collegiate plan and discuss any concerns. To ensure timely updates CoEd administration, via Associate Dean Thein, will continue to meet regularly with students in the program moving forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 AM.