Graduate Council (GC)  
October 12, 2017

Present: Professors Anstreicher, Fethke, Figdor, Ganim, McLeod, Quelle, Varga, Weiner, Wesely, Wurster, Xiao; Graduate Students: Faith, White; Grad College Personnel: Arbisi-Kelm, Danger, Keller, Larsen

Absent: Professors: Banas, Rakel; Graduate Students: Verniero, Woll; Grad College Personnel: Campo, Teitle

The meeting was called to order by Dean John Keller @ 8:17 AM.

1. Announcements and updates:
   a. John Keller started Interim Vice President for Research and Economic Development position on October 1, 2017. He continues with Graduate College Dean duties.
   b. Sarah Larsen’s leadership was recognized in an appointment to Graduate College Senior Associate Dean effective October 1, 2017.
   c. Shelly Campo’s search waiver was approved to become Graduate College Associate Dean.
   d. Office of the Provost continues with Academic Reorganization 2020 efforts, phase 2 committee chair is Tom Rice. Graduate Council engagement with the process is encouraged.
   e. GSS Travel Fund award maximums will be increased: regional ($300), domestic ($750), and international ($1,000).
   f. GSS is developing a plan with the Graduate College to better integrate the Jakobsen Memorial Conference with the Open Doors Career Conference.
   g. The Three Minute Thesis preliminary round finished with about 40 presentations. Finalists will be announced soon.

2. Minutes from the September 14, 2017, meeting were approved.

3. Senior Associate Dean Larsen introduced a proposal from the Molecular and Cell Biology academic unit regarding a proposed name change to Molecular Medicine. Associate Professor Matthew Potthoff was available to address questions or concerns regarding the proposal. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved in favor of renaming the academic unit.

4. Senior Associate Dean Larsen shared information regarding Fall 2017 graduate student enrollment including first year enrollment analytics. Overall enrollment remains stable with about 1,000 new students this year. There is a slight increase in master level (MA & MS) students that offsets the slight decrease in doctoral students.

5. Coming soon…an announcement from the Graduate College to campus regarding an underrepresented minority recruitment fellowship, honorary naming pending, will be made. Funding for approximately fifteen fellowships has been secured.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 AM.