Graduate Council (GC)
October 26, 2017


Absent: Professors: Fethke, Ganim, Rakel, Weiner.

The meeting was called to order by Dean John Keller @ 8:15 AM.

1. Announcements and updates:
   a. John Keller announced the Lulu Merle Johnson recruitment fellowship for promising, underrepresented minority doctoral students. The fellowship was named after a Gravity, IA native who became the first African American woman in the state of Iowa to earn a doctorate.
   b. Accolades to Graduate Council student members: Ian Faith, and KaLeigh White were recognized for their service to the Graduate Student Employment Committee. Jennifer Verniero was recognized for serving on the Phase II Academic Organization 2020 committee.
   c. Assistant Dean Jennifer Teitle was recognized by Dean Keller for her national leadership in contributing to the development of a web-based individual development plan (IDP) platform for graduate students in the Humanities and Social Sciences. www.imaginephd.com
   d. Thanks in part to increased faculty support of Graduate College external fellowship communities, the University of Iowa has increased the number of students applying for the ACLS/Mellon and GRFP this fall. The Graduate College also pays a $500 fellowship incentive award to students who apply for nationally competitive external awards.
   e. Interim Associate Dean Shelly Campo reports the Graduate College sent award notifications to approximately 90 fellowship recipients for Spring 2018 (Ballard and Seashore as well as Post-comprehensive Research Award fellowships).

2. Minutes from the October 12, 2017, meeting were approved.

3. Senior Associate Dean Larsen introduced a proposal to create a graduate certificate in Healthcare Management. Clinical Associate Professor and Director for the Center for Healthcare Executive Studies and Services Ian Montgomery and Associate Dean Tanya Uden-Holman 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. Senior Associate Dean Larsen reported on trends in graduate degrees conferred at the University of Iowa. National data from the Council of Graduate Schools was used in the presentation. Council members inquired if regional, public data (Big Ten Academic Alliance) was available. Senior Associate Dean Larsen will explore this possibility for future reports.

5. Graduate Council provided feedback regarding the clarification of the 5-year post-comprehensive exam policy in the Graduate Manual. Senior Associate Dean Sarah Larsen will draft a revision based on the discussion and present it at a future Graduate Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 AM.