Graduate Council (GC)
November 09, 2017


The meeting was called to order by Senior Associate Dean Sarah Larsen @ 8:19 AM.

1. Announcements and updates:
   - Sarah Larsen announced that the Graduate College, in collaboration with the Office of the Provost, will administer the gradSERU (Student Experience in the Research University) survey in Spring 2018. This tool will offer a look across the graduate student experience timeline as well as across disciplines.
   - The UI Graduate Student Employment Committee (GSEC) was formed in response to the changes in collective bargaining and recently met for the first time. The committee recommendation for the next academic year regarding graduate assistantship benefits is to maintain a status quo. GSEC will continue to meet throughout the year and utilize survey data to inform future committee recommendations. The salary increase for next year is determined by the current COGS contract.
   - Assistant Dean Heidi Arbisi-Kelm inquired about posting a message on the Graduate Admissions website to offer support and assistance to applicants from US and US territories affected by recent natural disasters.
   - Assistant Dean Jennifer Teitle reminds the Council that the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) finals are to be held on Friday, November 10, 2017 @ 3:00 – 5:00 PM in Art Building West. Thesis In-Focus images will accompany the 3MT event. Attendees will be able to vote on their favorites.
   - Jen Teitle shared that the free web-based individual development plan (IDP) platform for graduate students in the Humanities and Social Sciences is now ready for use. www.imaginephd.com
   - Graduate Student Senate President Ian Faith announced that there is national tax policy change being proposed. Taxing tuition payments for graduate students is being considered, which would significantly increase graduate student tax liability. GSS is drafting a message to legislators and encourages faculty to do the same. Additionally, GSS is planning to host a phone call and letter writing campaign. John Keller, chair of Council of Graduate Schools Advocacy and Public Policy Advisory Committee, is coordinating messages to alert CGS institutions.

2. Minutes from the November 9, 2017, meeting were approved.

3. Sarah Larsen led a discussion regarding proposed change to the Graduate College Manual of Rules and Regulations. After discussion, a minor revision was suggested and adopted to include other credentials as an option to the masters. A motion was made, seconded then unanimously approved to forward the proposal to Graduate Faculty vote.

4. Heidi Arbisi-Kelm presented information for Graduate Council consideration and feedback regarding the two-deposit model for theses and dissertation submission in place at the University of Iowa. Up for discussion was moving to a single deposit model. Graduate Council provided substantial feedback regarding the benefits/concerns with both approaches. Heidi Arbisi-Kelm will revisit the conversation at a future Graduate Council meeting to present options under a single deposit model.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 AM.