
Absent: Professors: Figdor, Quelle, Rakel, Weiner, Wesely, Wurster; Graduate Student: Verniero; Grad College Personnel: Keller.

The meeting was called to order by Senior Associate Dean Sarah Larsen @ 8:17 AM.

1. Announcements and updates:
   - Sarah Larsen announced the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) winner, Sharon Idiga (Molecular Medicine), and honorable mention awardees, Katherine Perschbacher (Molecular Medicine) and Rawa Alammari (Oral Science). Attendance was good given receipt of about 100 people’s choice votes. Thesis In-Focus images accompanied the 3MT event.
   - Graduate College External Advisory Board meeting took place on Friday, November 10, 2017. Graduate student panelists contributed their insights and experience with the Board. In addition Chief Diversity Officer, Lena Hill, addressed the Board.
   - Commencement for Fall will be December 15th at Hancher Auditorium. There will be two Spring 2018 commencements: Master’s at Carver Hawkeye and Doctorate’s at Hancher Auditorium.
   - Interim Associate Dean Shelly Campo states that determinations on Diversity Scholarships will be made this week.
   - There are two national tax policy changes being proposed, House and Senate. The Senate bill would be preferential to the House bill. GSS continues planning for a phone call and letter writing campaign.

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

3. Sarah Larsen introduced a proposal to create a graduate certificate in Sustainable Water Development, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Associate Professor David Cwiertny was 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. Sarah Larsen introduced a proposal to create a Doctor of Education (EdD) degree in Educational Policy and Leadership, Department of Educational Policy and Leadership Studies. Departmental Executive Officer David Bills and Professor Debora Liddell were available to address questions or concerns regarding the proposal. After discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved in favor of the degree creation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 AM.