Graduate Council
November 20, 2014

Present: Professors Ankenmann, Cowles, Creekmur, Denry, Krainer (for Kristof-Brown), Lucas, Martin-Estudillo, Moorhead, Quelle; Graduate Students Gavin-Bigsby, Hamerlinck, Lucas, Winn; Deans Berkowitz, Gardinier, Keller, Wurster; Staff Arbisi-Kelm, Chickering, Crooks, Masada, Teitle

Absent: Professors Campo, Duff, Moore, Murry; Graduate Students;

1. The minutes of the November 6, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Announcements and updates:
   - The December 11 meeting will be held as scheduled.
   - Commencement will be held Friday, December 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Carver Hawkeye Arena. Regent Downer will give the commencement remarks and President Mason will confer degrees.
   - The PhD Program Data website has been updated. Programs are encouraged to review their pages.
   - The thesis formatting changed implemented earlier this year are going well.
   - COGS update — Contracts have been exchanged. Faculty or students wishing to provide feedback are encouraged to contact Dean Keller.

3. Dean Berkowitz presented the Graduate Student Success survey results. The goal of the survey is to better understand graduate student persistence toward the PhD. The survey was compiled last spring upon a joint request from the Graduate & Professional Student Government and Graduate Student Senate. Questions addressed student concerns and perceived barriers to completion.

4. Associate Director Jennifer Teitle provided an update on the Office of Graduate Student Success. The office provides both career and funding services to graduate students in the form of advising, review, and outreach. 550 students received one-on-one advising during hour long appointments, 850 students attended professional development sessions, and 140 students attended the Careers Outside the Academy conference. New activities include: the addition of a third staff member, a subscription to Versatile PhD, opportunities for professional head shots, a Three Minute Thesis competition, and an expanded Careers Outside the Academy conference. Feedback collected by the office has been both favorable and demonstrates an on-going need for these types of services.

5. Dean Keller shared an overview of the new fellowship funding model. Funding goals were reviewed and include; promote student success; support a larger number of students; provide incentives for academic progress; and reduce teaching commitments.

   Highlights of the newly restructured fellowship opportunities are as follows:
   - The Presidential and Deans Graduate Research Fellowships have been condensed into the Iowa Recruitment Fellowship program. Nominations for these recruitment fellowships are limited to the doctoral programs described in the announcement. Awards will be
made for five years, with the academic year support provided by the department and the summer support from the Graduate College.

- University of Iowa graduate students in all programs are eligible for the following:
  - The Post-Comprehensive Research Award program has been created to reward students who have successfully completed their comprehensive exams and can be released from teaching duties to concentrate on their research.
  - The Post-Comprehensive Summer Research Award program has been expanded to support more students at a higher stipend level.
  - The Ballard-Seashore Dissertation Fellowship program has been expanded to include all disciplines, but the award is now limited to one academic semester.

- Current Fellows will see no changes to their funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.