Graduate Council  
September 18, 2014

Present: Professors Ankenmann, Campo, Cowles, Creekmur, Denry, Duff, Kristof-Brown, Martin-Estudillo, Moore, Moorhead, Murry, Quelle; Graduate Students Gavin-Bigsby, Hamerlinck, Lucas, Winn; Deans Berkowitz, Gardinier, Keller, Wurster; Staff Arbisi-Kelm, Crooks

Absent: Professors Moorhead, Stanier; Staff Teitle

1. The minutes of the September 4, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Announcements and updates of summer activities:
   - The Obermann Center for Advanced Studies has announced the Graduate Institute on Engagement & the Academy. The weeklong January institute is intended to help graduate students explore how public engagement can enhance teaching, research, & creative work. Deadline for applications is October 14. Application information may be found at http://obermann.uiowa.edu/apply
   - A special combined meeting of the Graduate Faculty & Directors of Graduate Studies will be held Wednesday, October 1, from 3:30-5:00 pm in the Senate Chamber of the Old Capitol Museum.
   - New commencement regalia has been ordered from Herff Jones. Many thanks to Senior Associate Dean Wurster & Kathy Gerling for their work to select new gowns and their commitment to improve the graduation experience for Master’s students.
   - The Graduate Council group photo will be taken at the October 2 meeting. Please arrive as close to 8:15 as possible. The photo will be taken at the beginning of the meeting.
   - The Rex Montgomery Dissertation Prize for 2014 has been awarded to Laura Whitmore, Molecular & Cellular Biology, for her dissertation: "Neutrophil priming and host inflammation: The roles of NOX2 and toll-like receptors". The D.C. Spiestersbach Dissertation Prizes for 2014 were awarded to Aaron Buss, Psychology, for his dissertation: "Closing the Developmental Loop on Behavioral and Neural Dynamics of Flexible Rule-Use" and to David Gaebler, Mathematics, for his dissertation: "Unital Dilations of Completely Positive Semigroups"

3. Senior Associate Dean Wurster presented a revised proposal to require a public abstract at the time of final deposit for Master’s and PhD theses. Comments from the last Graduate Council meeting had been taken into consideration and incorporated into this streamlined version. A motion was made to accept the proposal with an amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Senior Associate Dean Wurster presented a proposal from the Management Sciences Department in the Tippie College of Business (TCOB) for a Master’s of Science in Business Analytics. The MS in Business Analytics is designed for working professionals and will be awarded for 30 credit hours of graduate study. This new degree program addresses a growing need to manage and analyze increasing amounts of data that is available to support business decision making. The proposed MS degree program makes use of existing resources in the TCOB. The MS in Business Analytics is an extension of the 15 credit-hour Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics that began offerings in the fall.
Professors Samuel A. Burer and Nick Street, Management Sciences, were present to answer questions about the proposal. Discussion was in favor of the degree. A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the proposal for a Master’s of Science in Business Analytics.

5. Dean Keller continued discussion of fellowship funding restructuring. Background information outlining markers of student success and a review of resource allocation was provided. Discussion included fiscal realities, new models of support, and the timing of that support. It was noted that retaining a named recruitment scholarship, fostering diversity, summer support, along with increased levels of support remain priorities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.