Graduate Council
April 2, 2015

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

Absent: Professors Cowles, Duff, Martin-Estudillo, Xiao; Staff Teitle

1. The minutes of the March 5, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Announcements and updates:
   - Graduate Council members will rotate off the council after the May 7 meeting. A call to colleges has gone out asking that they appoint representatives for terms beginning in the fall of 2015. A campus-wide election will be held to select an at-large representative. Members were asked to nominate their interdisciplinary colleagues.
   - On March 28 the Careers Outside the Academy conference was held. Sessions included 18 panelists and over 120 graduate students attended.
   - In collaboration with the Office of the Vice President for Research & Economic Development and Graduate Student Senate, the Graduate College presents The University of Iowa’s inaugural Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition April 13-18, 2015.
   - A joint DGS/Graduate Faculty meeting will be held on May 6, 3:30 pm in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber. All program actions forwarded to Graduate Faculty this semester will be voted upon. Faculty Mentor awards will be presented with a reception to follow.
   - 11 applications for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Programs were submitted by University of Iowa graduate students. A broad range of disciplines were represented. Of those 11, five received awards, another five received an honorable mention.
   - The fellowship award process is underway. 132 summer research awards have been given. A change in format to the Ballard Seashore fellowships allowed the number of awards given to be increased to 47. A new award, Post-comprehensive Research Award, was given to 49 students.
   - Graduate Student Senate officer elections will be held on May 4.
   - A survey has been sent to first-year graduate students. Response has been good thus far. Questions covered topics such as recruitment/applications, career plans, and concerns about completion.

3. Senior Associate Dean Wurster presented a proposal to create a MA in Psychological and Quantitative Foundations (non-thesis) with subprogram in Counseling Psychology. Professor William Liu, Psychological & Quantitative Foundations, College of Education, was on hand to answer questions. Discussion centered on program logistics, availability of prerequisites, and clarification of the degree objectives. A motion was made to
table the proposal and passed unanimously. A modified version will be presented at the April 16 meeting.

4. Senior Associate Dean Wurster presented a proposal to rename the MA (thesis and non-thesis) in Physical Therapy to MA (thesis and non-thesis) in Physical Rehabilitation Science. This renaming is requested to better align the Master’s and doctoral degrees. It will also help eliminate confusion between the research and professional degree. Professor Laura Frey Law, Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, was on hand to answer questions. The proposal received full support of the council. A motion was made to approve the proposal to rename the MA (thesis and non-thesis) in Physical Therapy to MA (thesis and non-thesis) in Physical Rehabilitation Science and passed unanimously.

5. A brief continued discussion of a modification to the Graduate College Manual of Rules & Regulations language regarding plagiarism. Council members were reminded to forward proposed language to Senior Associate Dean Wurster and discussion will continue at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.