

10-22-2020

## University of Northern Iowa Graduate Council Minutes, October 22, 2020

University of Northern Iowa. Graduate Council.

*Let us know how access to this document benefits you*

Copyright ©2020 Graduate Council, University of Northern Iowa

Follow this and additional works at: [https://scholarworks.uni.edu/gradcouncil\\_documents](https://scholarworks.uni.edu/gradcouncil_documents)



Part of the [Higher Education Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

University of Northern Iowa. Graduate Council., "University of Northern Iowa Graduate Council Minutes, October 22, 2020" (2020). *Documents - Graduate Council*. 351.

[https://scholarworks.uni.edu/gradcouncil\\_documents/351](https://scholarworks.uni.edu/gradcouncil_documents/351)

This Minutes is brought to you for free and open access by the Graduate Council at UNI ScholarWorks. It has been accepted for inclusion in Documents - Graduate Council by an authorized administrator of UNI ScholarWorks. For more information, please contact [scholarworks@uni.edu](mailto:scholarworks@uni.edu).

**Offensive Materials Statement:** Materials located in UNI ScholarWorks come from a broad range of sources and time periods. Some of these materials may contain offensive stereotypes, ideas, visuals, or language.

## **Graduate Council Meeting Minutes**

### **October 22, 2020**

Present: Gabi Olivares, Joan Bessman Taylor, Amy Igou, Arti Mann, Jennifer Waldron, Karen Tracey, Amy Petersen, Shoshanna Coon, Heather Gallivan, Tabitha Decker, Kathryn Wohlpart, Angela Pratesi, Gayle Pohl

**I. Welcome and approval of minutes from last meeting:** Previous meeting's minutes were approved.

#### **II. Announcements**

#### **III. Updates from Dean Waldron and/or Associate Dean Olivares:**

a.

#### **IV. Progress on Revision on the Renewal/Forgiveness Policy:**

- a. Amy Igou and Gabi Olivares discussed editing the academic renewal and forgiveness policies documents to make the rules less punitive
- b. Edits will include how to ensure graduate programs are accessible by examining the hidden biases in the policy

#### **V. Proposed Changes to Thesis/Dissertation policies from Kat Wolpart**

- a. Changes are stemming from the need to submit thesis/dissertation electronically due to the pandemic. Thesis/Dissertation committee make-up is officially changing in regards to the number of members with Associate Graduate Faculty status.
- b. Summary of proposed changes:
  - i. Review deadline (work does not need to be defended but should be final work with 6 weeks prior to commencement)
  - ii. Submission deadline (work must be defended and finalized 2 weeks prior to commencement)
  - iii. Summer deadlines: have two schedules based on the needs of students
    1. May Term Deadlines: review deadlines will be first Friday of the university session
    2. Extended Summer Term (June)
- c. Discussion on the constitutions of review committees
- d. A vote will occur on Kat's proposed changes in two weeks to meet catalogue deadlines following the grad council members receiving feedback from their constituents
- e. Joan will send informational documents to grad council members who will send to departmental chairs

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PXcvORufmVwyRYXe3EPyKd1pRA5HFzcTVIfhmr434Rl/edit?usp=sharing>.

**Next meeting November, 12 2020**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Natalie Ita  
Graduate Council Secretary