University of Northern Iowa Graduate Council Minutes, November 11, 2021

University of Northern Iowa. Graduate Council.
Graduate Council Minutes  
September 23, 2021  
3:30-4:30 pm  
Via Zoom  

Present: Igou, Davis-Gage, Tracey, Coon, Schwab, DelCarlo, Gilson, Mann, Dickey, Wren, Koh, Vittetoe, Olivares, Waldron  

1. Welcome  

2. Approval of minutes  
  a. Shoshanna approved, Amy Igou seconded  
  b. All in favor, no abstentions  

3. Graduate College Reports/Announcements:  
  a. Jennifer Waldron, Graduate College Dean  
     i. GA White paper to assist with allocation process  
     ii. Will have 15 minute meetings with all 19 residential departments to share data and proposed allocation  
  b. Gabriela Olivares, Associate Dean  
     i. GCCC is almost complete  
     ii. UCC having a discussion about certificates and will be working with GCCC  
  c. Amy Igou, Chair of Graduate Faculty  
     i. No announcements  

4. New Business  
  a. Dates for October meetings  
     i. Oct 14 and Oct 21 (Provost Meeting)  
  b. Committees Sign-Up via google sheet  
     i. Awards  
     ii. Constitution  
     iii. Policies  
  c. Dual credit programs  
     i. Davis-Gage shared the need to increase the shared credit between grad/undergrad program to 12 credit hours for programs 30-36 credit hours long in order for students to graduate in 1 year.  
        ii. No concerns were voiced  
  d. International student barriers  
     i. Discussed conversation with International Admissions about using Duolingo as another option for Language Proficiency  
        1. Was used during the pandemic, and many schools are making it a permanent option  
        2. May need to consider scores for grad students  
        3. Duolingo can be used with CIEP  
        4. Need to bring back
ii. Also discussed removing a minimum Language Proficiency score for admission with provisions (right now students will not be admitted with score is too low)
   1. Gabi will be looking at other institutions

e. Mission and vision
   i. Due to the Dean’s interim position, the strategic plan will focus on mission and vision this year.
   ii. A group of 6 faculty will work to send out an open ended survey and then code the results
   iii. They will propose 3-4 missions/vision statements and seek feedback from constituents

f. UNI CGS Strategic Consultant Report
   i. Marketing
      1. larger problem beyond the Grad College, and we need to dovetail with the larger initiative
      2. Decentralization is challenging
      3. Faculty are good at the one to one conversations with prospective students
   
   ii. Grad education at UNI
      1. Share great stories
         a. Small atmosphere
         b. Success
         c. Care of faculty
      2. BOR only sees us as an undergrad institution
         a. Use graduate programs to distinguish us

iii. What is Provost looking for?

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Waldron