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Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2021
3:30-4:30 pm
Via Zoom

1. Welcome

- a. No corrections to previous meeting minutes
 - i. Meeting minutes approved
- b. Attendance:
 - i. Amy Igou
 - ii. Arti Mann
 - iii. Nicholas Schwab
 - iv. Jen Waldron
 - v. Mason Kuhn
 - vi. Dawn Del Carlo
 - vii. Cooper Vittetoe
 - viii. Karen Tracy
 - ix. Huishan Wan
 - x. Kelsey Wren
 - xi. Heather Gallivan
 - xii. HuynSenug Koh
 - xiii. Tim Gilson

2. Graduate College Reports/Announcements:

- a. Jennifer Waldron, Graduate College Dean
 - i. New website will be rolled out November 1st for all academic colleges, including graduate college
 - 1. Not possible to have the names of all graduate faculty available on the new website format
 - 2. Able to provide a list of graduate faculty members to anyone at anytime
 - 3. Previous versions of the website have listed graduate faculty in a PDF or other document, but that is not possible with the new format
 - ii. Faculty member who is not in a graduate department being asked to serve on a committee for a student
 - 1. How does this person get nominated:
 - a. The departmental graduate faculty chair typically nominates
 - iii. Ed.D Program:
 - 1. Wondering if the chair of their dissertation has to come from College of Education, or can it come from another college on campus
 - 2. The graduate faculty constitution doesn't specify where the person has to come from
 - 3. Typically is has come from the College of Education
 - 4. Currently unknown timeline for the issue

5. Currently looking for the Graduate Council to provide clarification on this issue, and the program will then work out with a case-by-case basis

- a. This issue will be sent to the Constitution Committee

- b. Gabriela Olivares, Associate Dean

- i. Summary at Grad College Curriculum Committee

1. 7 Certificates Added

- a. A majority come from Communication and Media Studies

2. Program Name Changes

- a. Learning Technology and Instruction Design

- b. Communication and Media

- c. Spanish M.A. Terminated

- d. Approval for Athletic Training

3. Pathway and Guidelines for Combined Degree Programs obtained

- a. Will be sent to department heads and programs soon

- c. Amy Igou, Chair of Graduate Faculty

- i. Met with Mission Admission sub-committee

1. Program Coordinators and members of Graduate Council

2. Putting together a survey that will go out to all graduate faculty

3. Goal for this: early next calendar year

- a. Bring back mission and vision statements for approval by the council

- 3. New Business**

- a. Subcommittee Assignments

- i. Committees have been finalized mostly

- ii. If an individual could commit to distributing the responsibilities of the committee

- b. Feedback from the meeting regarding GA allocation

- i. Jen has met with 19 departments that have Grad College Funding, talked through everything

1. Jen was clear that vetting the data was important during these meetings

2. Currently, we do not have a good system to track completion rates

- a. We have graduation rates

- b. Looking for a percentage of people who complete their degree, not just current enrollment

3. Enrollment is summer and fall, does not include spring

4. There should be a way to measure quality of program in the statistics

5. Emails will be going out to coordinators and department heads later today (10.14)
6. Board of Regents has asked for \$5.8 Million from the state

c. Board of Regent presentations

- i. Graduate Deans from each university will be doing in groups
- ii. There are typically thematic presentations
 1. Example, previously presentations were about how universities have adapted to COVID-19
- iii. Currently, the Board of Regents is asking about graduate education
 1. UNI will be talking about masters' programs
 2. Iowa State will be talking about Ph.D. and doctoral programs
 3. University of Iowa will talk about professional degrees
- iv. Many board members don't currently understand what graduate education looks like and entails so this is a big opportunity
- v. Occurring November 3 and will be live-streamed

d. Provost Visit

- i. Meeting in-person in the library
 1. Thursday, October 21 in Rod Library room 287
 - a. 3:30pm-4:30pm
- ii. Provost will be there for about 20-30 minutes
- iii. Provost isn't as interested in hearing specifics about a program or the graduate college
 1. He wants to get a feel for where the Graduate College will be in 5-10 years
 2. What does success look like to the individual?
- iv. Potential Questions for the Provost
 1. How does the provost see graduate education fitting into the big picture of UNI?
 - a. How can we increase graduate education visibility on campus?
 2. What is the provost's plan for UNI and the Graduate College in 5-10 years?

3. Possibly create a flyer of highlights about the graduate college and graduate education at UNI
 4. What kind of information and data would be most helpful in understanding our position and long-term goals?
 5. Academic Positioning and the provost's stance on it
 6. Graduate Enrollment
- v. How will we know we are successful in 10 years' time?
1. Increasing marketing efforts
 2. Making graduate education more visible on-campus
 3. Promoting the impact that graduate education has on an individual's life
 4. Students are seeking out graduate programs
 - a. And will be completing their degrees
- vi. One-page document
1. Some are interested in the idea of creating a one-page document that lists information about:
 - a. Degrees and programs on offer
 - b. How the provost sees new programs that UNI is well positioned to offer
 2. Have the graduate college create said document
 - a. Will be sent to all of Graduate Council once completed
- vii. Overall Enrollment in the Graduate College
1. Around 400 full time grad students
 2. Around 800 part time students
 - a. Students who are seeking certificates can often be seen as non-degree seeking students
 3. Applications are up too, even though it is early

Adjournment: 4:23

Respectfully Submitted by

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