1. **Call to Order** - Chair of Council – Debra Marquart

a. Seating of substitute council members   
Mike Bailey for P. Riney Kehrberg  
Matt Krise for Tejas Dhadphale

# 2. Consent Agenda – Approved 12-0

1. Minutes of Graduate Council Meeting, January 25, 2017
2. Agenda for February 15 Meeting
3. Items from GCCC

Dual listing proposal [FSHN 560/NUTRS 560 w/460X](http://www.grad-council.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/2016-17/February%202017/Winham%20NUTRS%20560%20-%20FSHN%20460%20Dual%20listing%20app%2001-23-17.doc)

# 3. Announcements and Remarks

1. Graduate Council Chair – Debra Marquart
2. Associate Provost and Graduate Dean – David Holger   
   The announcements for the Graduate Council meetings will be sent to DOGES to help connect and inform other faculty members.

Differential tuition rates for upper division rates will start Summer 2017. Affiliated graduate programs will be affected and their rates will increase in response to the undergraduate tuition adjustments. Interdepartmental students have tuition re-assessed at the time their major professor/home department is identified. We do not want to encourage late POSC submission, so there will be more information forthcoming about requiring a certain point in their program by which the major professor needs to be chosen.

Sebastian Speer is the new student services specialist in the Graduate College. Speer will assist with time to degree information and other processes graduate students encounter on the way to graduation.

4.  **Review of Action Items —** Debra Marquart

a. Overage Course Policy – Discuss possible amendment to approved policy

(following DOGE meeting discussion). Pros and cons of having a different requirement for master’s and Ph.D. students on the 8 – 10 year chart were identified. Identifying six credits for master’s students was seen as proportionate related to the number of credits required. Not many classes for master’s students fall in the 7 – 10 year category. Some master’s programs have more credits and so six credits is not very many credits. There may be a difference between research and coursework degrees. Part-time and off campus students may be at a disadvantage. No limit for master’s student has the potential for someone to abuse the system. Extending the expired course policy may extend time to degree. Programs can impose more stringent guidelines. The Graduate College will check on requirements at peer institutions and try to get an idea of how many students this would impact. Discussion can continue at future meetings, if needed.

b. Graduate Admissions process – There was a consensus that a graduate degree GPA should supercede an undergraduate GPA on the admissions application for full admission. Also, grades on graduate courses should be taken into account to allow full admission. The Graduate College will propose wording for GPA to include Master’s courses and Master’s degrees. The current wording only specifies undergraduate GPA.

c. Graduate Faculty Membership Committee (GFMC) – Steven Lonergan

--Draft proposal of GFMC guidelines and suggested guidelines from

standing committee. Charge: Review membership and process according to HLC accreditation standards. Lonergan presented the talking points included in the February Powerpoint (link) on the Graduate Council website. Faculty members are to submit suggestions and comments to Lonergan to incorporate into the proposal. Input from DOGES and faculty members will be very important.

# 5. Old Business

1. Renumbering of Stat Courses – Update  
   Changes for the Statistics courses will go into effect for the 2018-2019 Catalog and will include a number of Stat Courses that are commonly taken by non-major graduate students.

6. **New Business**

1. GC Approvals Process Flowchart ­– Judy Strand  
   Reviewed approval processes for Graduate Council items in addition to what is listed in the Faculty Senate Handbook, Chapter 10.8.2. Chart available in February Powerpoint.
2. Statement of Inclusivity & Tolerance from Graduate Council  
   Ken Moore encouraged the Graduate Council to work with the Graduate College, GPSS, and others to promote a welcoming atmosphere for international students through media, signage, and all types of communication.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 22 4:15 – 5:30 p.m., 3150 Beardshear Hall