Iowa State University Graduate Council MEETING AGENDA

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| ***Meeting: Graduate Council*** | ***Key Roles*** |
| Date: February 15, 2023Place: 3150 Beardshear Hall | Meeting Leader: Monica Haddad, Chair |
| Start Time: 2:15 pm | Support: Natalie Robinson, Celina Turner |
| End Time: 3:30 pm |  |

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| **TIME** | **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION LEADER** |
| 2:15 | Call to Order* Attendance and seating of substitute council members
	+ Heidi Hohmann for Emily Morgan
 | Haddad |
| 2:15 | Announcements and Remarks* Graduate Council Chair, Monica Haddad
* Graduate College Dean, Bill Graves
	+ Graves: This is an active time of year for graduate admissions. Graduate applications are up 23% from February 1 of last year. Offers of admission have increased for master’s students but have decreased slightly for doctoral students. Last year, we conducted an audit on offers of admission to coursework‑only master’s programs. We found that many students were denied admission even though they met the university’s minimum standards. This raised a lot of attention, so we’ll be conducting more audits this year.
* Graduate College Associate Deans, Michelle Soupir and Heather Greenlee
	+ Soupir: The Graduate Operations Project is moving from the reporting phase into the implementation phase. We’re now spending a lot of our time with Workday Student. More to come.
	+ Greenlee: I’ve been spending a lot of time finding out what data we have access to, what we can do with this data, and how the colleges can use this data to make decisions. More to come.
* Graduate College Office, Natalie Robinson
	+ Karas, Zaffarano, and Margaret Ellen White committee service
		- Robinson: I’m still looking for volunteers to serve on these committees. Please let me know if you’re interested.
* Lonergan mentioned the Michigan State shooting and whether Graduate College leadership believes that ISU is prepared to keep students safe.
	+ Graves responded that leadership is prepared to deal with the aftermath of the situation should it occur on our campus
	+ Cutrona added that there are two committees on campus that work to prevent such occurrences.
 | Haddad, Graves, Soupir/Greenlee, Robinson |
| 2:40 | Consent Agenda* Agenda for February 15, 2022, meeting
* [Minutes](https://www.grad-council.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/2022-2023/January%202023/GC%20January%202023%20Minutes_ct_nbr_FINAL%20version.docx) from January 18, 2023, meeting
* Items from Grad Catalog Curriculum Committee
	+ [Name Change for Literacy Coaching Certificate to Instructional Coaching Certificate](https://www.grad-council.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/2022-2023/January%202023/Name%20Change%20Proposal%20Literacy%20to%20_instructional%20certificate.docx)
	+ Dual-lists:
		- [ENGL 494/594X](https://nextcatalog.registrar.iastate.edu/courseadminx/?key=2533)
		- [MTEOR 443/543X](https://nextcatalog.registrar.iastate.edu/courseadminx/?key=2765)
		- [EDUC 446X/546](https://www.grad-council.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/2022-2023/January%202023/duallisted_EDUC%20446_546.doc)
 | Haddad |
| 2:45 | Old Business* MS coursework-only naming feedback
	+ [Combined feedback (redacted)](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ccelinat%5CDownloads%5CMS%20Naming%20Feedback%5CCombined%20Feedback%202-7-2023.pdf)
	+ [Table summarizing combined feedback](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ccelinat%5CDownloads%5CMS%20Naming%20Feedback%5CM.S.%20Feedback%20Naming%20Table_color%20coded.docx)
		- Haddad: Please review the feedback. We will vote on this topic in March.
		- General concerns:
			* While a policy change would only make it possible to offer a coursework-only MS and not require it, the idea that the decision to offer a coursework-only MS will be left up to the faculty is unlikely; college Deans would strongly encourage, if not potentially extend more funds, to programs that offer a coursework-only MS.
			* What problem would a policy change be solving? Are there students now who don’t get a job because they did not earn an MS and instead earned a Master of [Discipline]?
		- Brown: My concern is that if we expand capacity in our programs and grow so rapidly, we may end up weakening the infrastructure in place to support students. There’s room for growth, but growth doesn’t just mean enrollment.
		- Weinstein: In many departments, the requirements for creative component students can be made very light. It sounds like this issue could be addressed internally and not at the Graduate Council level. Can we show that the cost of attendance is worth it if we don’t have data on long-term career trajectory for coursework-only master’s students?
		- Freeman: If we allow a coursework-only MS degree, will there be any required courses? If there are required courses, one of those can be a 599 creative component course. We have the ability to accomplish what you want to do without making any policy changes. That’s the part I can’t get past. The final oral exam could be administered as part of the 599 course.
		- Bartlett: Many employers are looking for someone with a demonstrated history of research and research communication. If you get a coursework-only MS degree, you’re not going to get the level of training the MS degree is supposed to give you.
		- Cain: Are we going to be honest about this when talking to students? Is this actually benefiting them in the future when they’re looking for jobs?
		- Hohmann: I think we need to be increasingly clear with students about the differences in degree types.
		- Cain: Marketing and getting students in the door is not enough to change the policy for me. Getting students to where they need to be after graduate school is what’s important.
		- Tian: Computer Science would be able to admit more students, but the program believes that a coursework-only program would not add to faculty load. Some members questioned how additional students would not increase faculty load, and Tian clarified that mentorship on a project would not be necessary for degree completion, decreasing the load on faculty.
		- Chen: concurred that faculty in E CPE are at capacity, but class sizes are small, meaning that more students who are coursework-only could increase class sizes without significant addition to faculty workload.
		- Haddad: We’ll make sure to have more time to discuss this topic in March before we vote.
 | Haddad, Robinson |
| 3:30 | Did not get to any subcommittee updates:* Review Council By-Laws/Constitution
	+ Dean Graves, Sarah Bartlett
* English Requirement and International 3-year degrees
	+ Michael Bailey, Donna, Jian invited to EPEC meeting on Friday, January 20
* Handbook Rewrite
	+ Christine, Efrain, Emily (Natalie as ex-officio to clarify policy that can be changed by this body vs. university policy as needed)
* Student Health and Wellness Policy
	+ Ajay, Carolyn, Caitlyn, Michael Brown
	+ [Report](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ccelinat%5CDownloads%5CReport%20from%20Graduate%20Student%20Well-Being%20Committee%201-18-2023.docx)
* Supervision of Postdoctoral Scholars
	+ Steven F., Elizabeth Elliott, Susheel Kumar Nethi, Misty Treanor, ex-officio for policy clarification
 | Haddad, Robinson |
| 3:25 | Other Items/Issues |  |

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| **First Name** | **Last Name** | **Discipline Area** | **Aug** | **Sept** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** |
| Monica | Haddad | Arts & Humanities | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Gretchen | Mosher | Biological & Agricultural Sciences | Sub | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Michael | Brown | Social Sciences & Education | P | P | Sub | A | A | P | P |  |  |
| Petruta | Caragea (Spring) | Physical Sciences, Math & Engineering | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Chunhui | Xiang | Social Sciences & Education | P | P | Sub | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Steven | Lonergan | Biological & Agricultural Sciences | P | Sub | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Emily | Morgan | Arts & Humanities | P | P | P | P | P | P | Sub |  |  |
| Carolyn | Cutrona | Social Sciences & Education | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Michael | Bailey | Arts & Humanities | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Donna | Winham | Biological & Agricultural Sciences | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Iddo (Matt) | Friedberg (O’Neal) | Biological & Agricultural Sciences | P | A | A | A | Sub | A | P |  |  |
| Degang | Chen | Physical Sciences, Math & Engineering | P | Sub | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Ajay | Nair | Biological & Agricultural Sciences | P | P | P | P | A | P | P |  |  |
| Sung YellJin | Song (Fall)Tian (Spring) | Physical Sciences, Math & Engineering | A | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| PranavAmanda | Shrotriya (Fall)Weinstein (Spring) | Physical Sciences, Math & Engineering | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Steven | Freeman | Faculty Senate Representative | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
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| Elizabeth | Elliott | Post Doc  | N/A | P | A | A | A | P | A |  |  |
| Susheel Kumar | Nethi | Post Doc  | N/A | P | P | A | A | P | A |  |  |
| Christine | Cain | GPSS Pres/Grad Student – Social Sciences & Education | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Efrain | Rodriguez-Ocasio | Grad Student – Physical & Math Sciences & Engineering  | P | P | Sub | A | A | P | A |  |  |
| Caitlyn | Campbell | GPSS VP/Grad Student – Biological & Agricultural Sciences  | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Sarah | Bartlett | Grad Student – Arts & Humanities | N/A | P | P | P | P | Sub | P |  |  |
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| Ex-officio |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Bill | Graves | Dean of the Graduate College | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Heather | Greenlee | Associate Dean, Graduate College | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | P |  |  |
| Elena  | Cotos |  | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | A |  |  |
| Michelle | Soupir | Interim Associate Dean, Graduate College | A | P | P | A | A | P | P |  |  |
| Natalie | Robinson | Assistant Director of Academic Services, Graduate College | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |  |  |
| Celina | Turner | Graduate Student Services Specialist II, Graduate College | P | Sub | Sub | P | P | P | P |  |  |

Key: P = Present; A = Absent