The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. in 229 Terrell Hall.

Members present: Hamid Arabnia, Fikri Avci, Houjian Cai, Mary Caplan, Tina Harris, John Hulland, Denise Lewis, Jennifer Lindstrom, Javad Mohammadpour, Masaki Mori, Jessica Muilenburg, Jeffrey Mullen, Amanda Murdie, Craig Osenberg, Daniel Perez, James Reap, Kaori Sakamoto, Welch Suggs, Katherine Thompson, Marc Van Iersel, and Dehai Zhao. Suzanne Barbour, Ron Walcott, Cheri Bliss, Meredith Welch-Devine, Robin Bingham, and Kristin Lawrence represented the Graduate School.

Members absent: Nicholas Berente, Georgia Calhoun, Gary Green, Cindy Hahamovitch, Victoria Hasko, Janette Hill, Amy Pollard, Patricia Reeves, Aaron Thompson, and Johnita Daniel (GPSA).

Dean Suzanne Barbour called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes of the August 16, 2017, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School website.

Graduate Council Committees Reports and Action Items

A. Administrative Committee
Nicholas Berente, Chair
Since the last meeting of the Graduate Council, the Administrative Committee met on September 1, 2017, to discuss the idea of substitute attendees at Graduate Council meetings (representation by proxy) and summer meetings of the Appeals Committee. Mary Caplan reported for the Administrative Committee in absence of the Chair.

Action Item: Substitute Attendees by Proxy. The Administrative Committee recommends that the Graduate Council amend its bylaws to allow substitutes to attend the Graduate Council or Committee meetings when the elected member cannot attend. The substitute should represent the same constituency as the Graduate Faculty member who requires a substitution. Discussion was held regarding pros and cons of allowing representation by proxy at Graduate Council meetings to insure a quorum. Vote was called for and, with two-thirds of the Council present, basically had a 50/50 split. Decision was made to err on the conservative side and not change the bylaws.

Action Item: Appeals Committee Meetings during Summer Term. The Administrative Committee recommends the Appeals Committee should meet during summer term to hear appeals of students who wish to enroll in the fall semester. If necessary, the summer meetings can be populated with substitutes for regular members of the Appeals Committee. Discussion was held regarding set Appeal Committee meetings during summer semester. After vote, motion was approved, but
item was sent back to committee for additional details taking into account the input provided by the Graduate Council.

B. Program Committee
Welch Suggs, Chair
Since the last meeting of the Graduate Council, the Program Committee voted via email to approve the termination of the PhD degree in Animal Nutrition.

The Program Committee is bringing the following proposal to the Graduate Council as an action item today:
Action Item: Termination of PhD degree in Animal Nutrition, Department of Poultry Science. The motion passed.

C. Curriculum Committee
Mary Caplan, Chair
Since the last meeting of the Graduate Council, the Curriculum Committee has approved 17 new courses, 31 course revisions, and 4 course deletions.

D. Appeals Committee
Nicholas Berente, Chair
Since the last report to the Graduate Council, the Appeals Committee met twice:
1) On August 30, 2017, the committee members present were Nick Berente, Houjian Cai, Jennifer Lindstrom, Jessica Muilenburg, Amanda Murdie, Amy Pollard, and Dehai Zhao. Suzanne Barbour, Ron Walcott, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence from the Graduate School were present. The committee met to hear two dismissal appeals. One appeal was overturned, and the other was upheld.

2) On September 13, 2017, the committee members present were Houjian Cai, Jennifer Lindstrom, Jessica Muilenburg, Amanda Murdie, Daniel Perez, and Dehai Zhao. Ron Walcott, Cheri Bliss, and Kristin Lawrence from the Graduate School were present. The committee heard one dismissal appeal. The appeal was overturned.

E. Strategic Planning Committee
Tina Harris, Chair
Since the last meeting of the Graduate Council, the Strategic Planning Committee met on August 30, 2017, to discuss the concept of Graduate Faculty. No action items at this time.

Old Business
No old business.

New Business
No new business.

Information Items
No information items to share.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.