

**Graduate Council Meeting Agenda**  
**September 7, 2016**  
**Commons Panorama**  
**3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

X	Jeanne Stevenson for JM	X	Ben Hunter	X	Alistair Smith
	Ayobami Adegbite	X	Jill Johnson	X	Karen Trebitz
X	Julie Amador - phone		Scott Minnich	X	Greg Turner-Rahman
X	Jeff Bailey	X	Gordon Murdoch	X	Elowyn Yager - phone
X	Laura Holyoke	X	Traci Craig for S. Reineke		Ata Zadehgol

Jeanne Stevenson chaired the meeting for Jerry McMurtry, who was out on medical leave.

- I. Approval of the minutes from April 27, 2016
  - Smith moved to approve. Seconded by Turner-Rahman.  
Approved with 5 abstentions.
- II. Announcements and reports
  - A. Welcome new council members
    - Councilmembers introduced themselves. Karen Trebitz is one of two new GPSA representatives to Graduate Council. The other GPSA representative did not attend.
  - B. First Prestigious Fellowship workshop
    - Stevenson told members about the first prestigious fellowship workshop that took place on August 27. It was reported that 138 students registered for this workshop, and 80 faculty from 6 colleges participated. This workshop was created to help graduate students identify funding opportunities and to help them write a successful proposal for this funding.
    - The next workshop will be September 17, where they will focus on writing the proposals.
  - C. PNW-COSMOS Native Voices Summit
    - Stevenson told members about the Summit and invited them to attend.
  - D. Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) position
    - The list of DGS duties was shared with councilmembers again. The list was originally shared last spring.
    - Councilmembers reiterated some concerns with the list of duties and suggested that some of them are not appropriate for the DGS position.
    - They asked that this list be brought back to a future meeting for further vetting.
    - Craig also suggested that this list should go to an Associate Deans Group meeting for discussion there. She said McMurtry told ADGs that he would be taking it to one of their meetings for discussion.
  - E. Update on Hobson/app review project
    - Stevenson told members where we are with the online application system.
    - Smith described it from his point of view, as well, since he has been involved in part of it.

- One member asked if a student gets denied from one department, and a faculty member in another program is interested in the student, does the student have to completely reapply and pay an additional application fee? Is there a way to just transfer the application materials to the new program without requiring the student to reapply and pay another fee?  
-Johnson said she has called the dean of COGS in the past and has gotten the second application fee waived. She suggested councilmembers might try that if they find students in this situation.
  - Another member asked if the system will allow a student to apply to 2-3 programs at the same time with one application fee. For example, if the student is interested in both CNR and Biology, can they apply to both at the same time?
  - A member asked what the student sees when he/she is denied by a program. Does the communication say the student is not admitted to the University of Idaho, or does it say the student is not admitted to the particular program?
- F. New international processor in COGS – Polixenia Tohaneanu
- Kathy Duke told the group that a fourth person has been hired in the Graduate Admissions office to help with the workload there. She will primarily process international applications.
  - Stevenson stated that the Provost provided some funds to help finance this new position.
- G. Dean search – October timeframe
- Stevenson reported that an internal UI search will begin in October for the new Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

### III. New Business

#### A. Discussion Items

1. Navitas – standard for entry into Pathway Program
  - Stevenson described the Navitas Pathway Program to the Council. She explained that programs like these are geared toward students who are interested in non-thesis programs. Students with less than a 3.0 GPA would be admitted conditionally and would be given one year to complete the requirements to become fully admitted. If they fail to do that, they will not be allowed to continue at UI.
  - Stevenson asked councilmembers to decide upon which GPA they would allow these students to be conditionally admitted (i.e., 2.75, 2.70, etc.) followed by a motion and vote.
  - Councilmembers had several questions and concerns:
    - Who selects the courses that the students will take in the first year? Will they be courses that will go on the study plan and count toward their degree if they get a 3.0 and are fully admitted?
    - They will take language courses through ALCP and the rest of the courses will be “credit bearing courses”
    - Craig stated it is her understanding from other Navitas meetings that they would be in “regular” first year courses for graduate students and would then be put on their study plan.

-What is the reason for looking at a system like this? Is it because we cannot get a “good read” on the international transcripts?

-- The reason for these programs for a more effective recruitment of prospective international students.

-What about domestic students? What if they want similar treatment?

-How will the money in this program? Will the students pay Navitas, will UI pay Navitas, etc?

-- Stevenson reported that the students will pay a fee to Navitas and will pay tuition to UI.

-Are the students guaranteed a spot in the program in they get a 3.0 and are fully admitted?

-- These are non-thesis programs. There is no expectation or promise of funding.

-Is UI paying a fee for this?

-- Yes.

-Once council member said she has a friend at a school in Oregon. They implemented a program like this, and once the company collected the fees from the minimum number of students they needed, then they stopped recruiting for that university, and the university “lost a ton of money.”

-Does UI expect enrollment increases with Pathway programs?

-Who decides which programs and which courses in programs are included in the Pathway program?

-What is the success rate of these programs?

-- There is greater success because of the cultural training that happens through Navitas.

- Is this worth the money?

- o Motion was made to table this until additional information/answers to above questions is given.

-Moved by Murdoch. Holyoke seconded it. Unanimous approval.

- o Stevenson will speak with Legal Counsel and others and will get the answers the council members seek.
- o Duke will send the additional information, and a vote will be conducted via email.

## 2. Possible activities for Fall 2016 – what do we want to accomplish

### a. Cross-listed courses

-Members felt this was a low priority because UCC vets the courses that are cross-listed to ensure they are at an appropriate level for graduate credit.

### b. Continuous registration

### c. Code of conduct

### d. Policy on TA/RA 20 hrs per week

### e. Dissertation and thesis deadlines

### f. Policy on defense structure

-Members said this issued was discussed and resolved last year. Those notes will be attached to these minutes for refresher.

### g. Elimination of printed thesis/dissertation

-Members stated this was discussed last year, and it was decided that eliminating the printed thesis/dissertation copies is not a good idea at this time. Hunter reported the Library would strongly encourage the continuance of a printed copy of all theses/dissertations.

h. Criteria for graduate faculty membership

--- Items to discuss/work on for 2016-17 are, in no particular order: Continuous registration, code of conduct, policy on TA/RA 20 hours per week, dissertation and thesis deadlines, criteria for graduate faculty membership.

Holyoke moved to adjourn. Seconded by Smith. Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Future Meetings:

September 28

October 19

November 9

November 30

All are Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. (Pacific) in the Panorama