

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021– 3:30-5:00 p.m.**  
**ZOOM**

X	Jerry McMurtry	x	Kristin Henrich (Library)	x	David Tank (COS)
x	Julie Amador (EHHS)	x	Pedram Rezamand (At-Large/CALS)	x	Elowyn Yager (At-Large/ENGR)
X	Linda Chen (CBE)	x	Kelly Quinnett (CLASS)	x	Ata Zadehgo (ENGR)
x	Dan Cronan (CAA)	x	Kerri Vierling (CNR/ENVS)	x	Seth Rose (GPSA)
x	Robert Heinse (At-Large/UWP)	x	Dan Strawn (CALs)		Alexander Blanco (GPSA)

- I. Minutes from April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021- approved unanimously
  
- II. Announcements
  - a. Terms of Service for Council Members
    - i. <https://www.uidaho.edu/cogs/resources/faculty-staff-resources/graduate-council>
    - ii. Those with term year of “2021” will finish service this semester.
  - b. Give COGS summer homework- ideas for next year?
  
- III. New Business
  - a. Student Dismissal Appeal
  - b. GPA for Provisional Admission
    - i. There is some benefit to admitting a student with provisional status.
    - ii. This doesn’t replace the requirement that reason must be provided to admit someone without provisions if they have a lower GPA.
    - iii. Admission of low GPA and provisions automatically go on acceptance letter and it’s made clearer to them that they’ll need to work a little harder to get up to speed.
    - iv. If we don’t automatically code students as provisional it creates more work because these applications have to go back to the department.
    - v. These students would not qualify for assistantship, and international students wouldn’t qualify for admission at all.
    - vi. GPA with provisional admissions would then become the default decision for students with a GPA below 2.7 who are admitted. The department could write a letter to override the decision to admit with provisions if desired.
    - vii. The provisional admission does not come with a hold.
    - viii. Right now, the current system works out well for CBE and provisional admissions are overcome well.
    - ix. Making provisional admission the default for students below a 2.7 GPA could help expedite the process, but we can continue to review this on a case-by-case basis
    - x. Not certain how many students would be affected by this, specifically with regards to students being denied GAships because of their provisional status.
    - xi. Too late for the catalog this year so we can sit on this if needed
      - 1. COGS will draft language with a 2.7 GPA cut-off
  - c. Incoming International Student Credit Requirements for Summer
    - i. Shift in summer enrollment requirements from IPO.
    - ii. Previously students only needed one credit in the summer to begin working and kick in their visa. Now, regardless of the semester they start they must enroll in 9 credits. 6

- credits must be in person. This is only for students starting the program, not continuing students.
- iii. Students do need to provide additional proof of funding to start in summer, so not many begin in the summer.
  - iv. In many programs there are not 6 in person credits that students can take, departments will need to ensure that students are aware of this.
- d. Offer Letter Requirement with Verification of Funds for I-20
- i. Graduate Admissions is trying to process I-20s as fast as possible. When we get verification of financial assistantship sometimes there is a discrepancy between the amount listed on this form and the offer letter, or the type of assistance. This discrepancy makes it much more difficult to issue I-20s in a timely fashion.
  - ii. I-20s will only be issued if grad admissions has the verification of funds AND an offer letter that matches.
  - iii. A member asked- wouldn't it be easier to ask for the offer letter and then use numbers form this to create the financial verification form? Yes, but these letters don't always have the information needed.
  - iv. Tying these two together in the same timeline would solve this issue.
- e. Residency Requirement for TAs
- i. Can students teach online courses from out of state?
  - ii. Still waiting on more info here
- f. Research Credit Language in the Catalog
- i. <https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/graduate-studies/doctoral-degrees/#generalrequirementstext>
  - ii. See new language attached
  - iii. Part about courses below 300 should be a new paragraph
  - iv. Clean up grammar a bit
  - v. Unanimous approval
- g. Report of COGS petitions
- i. See attachment
- h. Professional Development Programming Overview
- i. Graduate Student Support Programs calendar reviewed
  - ii. Another calendar will be sent out in the Fall
  - iii. Exiting graduate students, grad students on provisions, those populations of students who may have unique needs could benefit from a tailored session
- i. Enrollment Data Overview

Future Meetings:

None! Enjoy your summer.