

**Graduate Council Meeting Agenda
1/18/2024– 3:30-5:00 p.m.**

ZOOM LINK: <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/84406831756?from=addon>

x	Jerry McMurtry	x	Evan Williamson (Library)	x	Grant Harley (COS) 2024
x	Ann Brown (EHHS) 2024	x	Pedram Rezamand (CALs) 2026	x	John Cannon (At-Large/EHHS Boise) 2025
x	Tracey Anderson/Jeff Bailey (CBE) 2026	x	Rajal Cohen (CLASS) 2026	x	Eric Wolbrecht (ENGR) 2025
x	Casey Doyle (CAA) 2025	x	Kerri Vierling (CNR/ENVS) 2026	x	Abbey Rode (GPSA)
x	Paul Hohenlohe (UWP) 2024		Zachary Kayler (At-large CALs) 2026	x	Adamarie Marquez Acevedo (GPSA)
x	Sarah Wu (At Large/ENGR) 2024		Ata Z.		

- I. Minutes from Dec 21, 2023 were approved as read
- II. Jerry's announcements.
 - Job openings in COGS—one hired/interview stage on other.
 - Grad Invite Day Feb 8-10. Six spots are available for travel assistance and hotel, and UI/WSU students can come to programming, lunch, and campus visits. Just let us know.
 - COGS host Faculty Gathering Feb. 27 in ICCU Alumni Room 4:30-6:30
 - University of Phoenix ideas for programs/subgroups—easily many areas where we can collaborate with another institution.
 - 3MT is Feb. 6 at CSI.
 - Ski Team Fund Raiser mentioned.
- III. These items are in a shared folder. Course/curriculum changes to approve:
 - HOLD MNR UNTIL NEXT MEETING-226_MNR Natural Resources
 - 503: ADVANCED MICROELECTRONICS FABRICATION (Feng LI)
Interdisciplinary Certificate Micron Meets grad school minimums. Moved to vote. Unanimous
 - 524: HIGH-SPEED CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS (Ata Z)
Signal magno-electric ECE large demand Intel and AMD Qualcomm, companies' fast electromagnetics high speed systems. Interest from companies. Min. meet. On -off campus 1st and 2nd to move to vote. Unanimously Passes.
 - 538: NUCLEAR MATERIALS ENGINEERING Gabe P. Cert on NME management IF, INL online and exploring MOU in person too. Topics fundamentals, radiation effects, electives, ST, storage of materials fuels cycle... 438/538. Vote passes.
 - 542: INDIGENOUS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (Philip Stevens, Vanessa, Crissy)
Certificate (building land-grant mission, beta testing this with CIRCLE scholars request from the NR and ED CLASS Anthro/AIM broad audience. Request came to support tribal employment. Students think about methodologies for expanding knowledge. 580 581...Tribal nation building...Land Ed seminar. Fees...UCC. Internship—flexible to meet the needs...hospital, law, Natural Resources. Native American Center.... theoretical and

applied in context. Vote. All passed. Changes made in CIM to fit the credit specifications.

IV. Other items:

Ideas for Grad Council to work on in the Spring/Summer/Fall

Reach out to the faculty for ideas about what to work on for future semesters.

Possible areas to explore:

1. Should Senior Instructors/Lecturers be allowed to chair committees?

2. Faculty are mentoring students with different challenges...balancing research and students with challenges, real world implications for not getting research done.

Guidelines/Best practices.

3. Discussion about MHopes project and grad student survey. MHopes is a Mental Health initiative with Montana, Montana State and Montana Tech.

<https://www.msubillings.edu/grad/m-hopes.htm>

3. ETD platform training

4. Higher funding for students. WSU situation discussion. Idaho- Can't unionize in Idaho, but WSU group had important things to say and consider. Health Insurance yearly is a \$500,000 bill. Equity between. Best practices to Deans, feedback awaits. Workload expectations. CEC TA teaching.

Notes from Graduate Admissions:

1. Letter of Recommendation updates ready for departments in SLATE– monthly newsletter from Admissions.
2. GRE dept. requirement. Most have eliminated it. Other tests? Interview.
3. Slate.... more info available on students, including assistantship/support offers for grad students. The director asks what other information would be helpful to the programs when making decisions.
4. The director believes applications will surpass previous years...likely because fee is down to \$50.
5. Up to 71% application completion rate vs 60% last year.
6. Any college that wants to choose a different priority deadline, just let Admissions know. Some programs have Dec 1, so whatever works best for the program can be accommodated.

Adjourn: 4:50PM