



MINUTES
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Discussion Items

1. ApplyYourself

Chuck Wight, Dean

Checking in to see how your applications have been this year, if they are up, down, even? If you are planning to revise your forms, there is a section for each college that is customized, now is the time. Contact Whitney LeMone whom will be able to make those revisions. Departments with lower numbers think the lower numbers are due to outside factors that are not related to ApplyYourself, such as earlier deadline for application submission, career market, etc. Departments wishing to use the GRE Student Search Service can contact Sweeney Windchief to get customized student lists to help boost your department recruiting efforts. Some departments have received a better applicant pool and are able to be selective. Overall, departments have been favorable about the ApplyYourself implementation.

2. Accreditation

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Our regional accreditation is with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). This September, a new report will be due by the University of Utah. This report will cover the resources available such as libraries, buildings, etc. Part of the accreditation requires Expected Learning Outcomes for courses. Having these printed on syllabi will count as published, so there is no need for a large website containing thousands of ELO's. We will be asking for each college to collect all the syllabi for their courses to make sure there are outcomes and accommodations listed. We do have the website, learningoutcomes.utah.edu, which displays ELO's at the program level and we need to focus and update our ELO's for courses.

3. Tuition Benefit Program

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The minimum pay rates typically go up \$500 per year. The minimum rate you have to pay for TBP is \$12,500 for 2012-2013 this will go up to \$13,000 for the 2013-2014. The University of Utah has to report a cost of living for international students and these students need to show that they have this same amount of funds in place in order to satisfy their Visa requirements.

4. Exceptions to Admissions Policy

Donna White, Associate Dean

The Graduate Admissions Exception Rule, a form is available from Graduate Admissions. If a department has a potential student that is great overall, but their undergraduate GPA is below the standard 3.0, a department is encouraged to use the exception form to allow the student admission if they feel the student would be a good fit for the department. We are not encouraging departments to admit substandard students, but to use this exception for students who may not have met the regular GPA requirements, but show great promise in other areas.

5. Graduate Global Pathways

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This program is only available to the following programs, Economics, MBA, MS Finance, MPA, and Miage Program. This program gives international students the opportunity to take part in two semesters at the University to improve their speaking and take prerequisites for their programs. Students must satisfy the minimum Graduate School standards in order to participate.