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Discussion Items

1. Early Assurance Program

Tom Richmond and Charlotte Hansen

The program was initiated by Martha Bradley two years ago and has now spread university wide. The program is designed to attract top undergraduate students to the University. Recruitment has been focused both inside and outside of Utah. The program supports a cohort of 25 students. The first year produced 150 applicants and the second year had 250 applicants. The average GPA is 3.8 and an ACT score of 28-29. Students must decide their graduate program by their junior year and fulfill admission requirements for the department to get guaranteed admission into the program of their choice. The Early Assurance Program is requesting departments who would like these students to enter their graduate program to send their contact information.

2. GRE Test Scores and Student Search

Chuck Wight, Dean

The new GRE test scores table shows the relation of the old score scale to the new scale and the percentile of those scores. The GRE Search Service allows you to search for students who may be a good fit for your program. The Graduate School will cover the cost of these searches if your searches are geared towards diversity; whereas searches focusing on higher quality students will only be covered fifty percent. The Graduate School goal is to increase the applicant pool by 10%. This search and ApplyYourself will help to reach this goal.

3. Master Thesis and Dissertation Template

Chuck Wight, Dean

The Graduate School is working on a better, more detailed template for students to prepare their master theses and dissertations. The Graduate School is working on a document that satisfies the thesis office. If your department has a template similar to this, please send to The Graduate School.

4. UPublish

Chuck Wight, Dean

The Graduate School is working in a new project called UPublish. UPublish will be a website that will allow students to upload a piece of work they are proud of and that identifies with one of the expected learning outcomes. Other students, faculty, and the public will be able to view these student works and can place a vote or “like” to their favorites. If any student works receive complaints, a review process will trigger and the piece of work will be sent to the department for final approval. Copyright will be an important consideration when uploading as students will have to assure us they have permission for the work.

Early Assurance Program at the University of Utah Details on Participating Graduate Programs

College:

Department or Program:

Contact person: (who you want the Honors College to work with on EAP students)

Description of Graduate Program: (Include a website)

Conditions for Admittance for EAP students:

3.8 Cumulative GPA at the U will be required of all students

Specific major/coursework:

Completion of Honors Degree (which requires a Thesis) yes/no:

Test Scores needed (GRE, LSAT, etc.):

Portfolio/research experience/shadowing needed:

Other:

Special Opportunities for EAP students:

(Possible things your program could offer the EAP students, possibly graduate assistantships, scholarships, etc.)

Please contact Charlotte Hansen Terry with questions regarding this form:

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