



MINUTES

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Discussion Items

1. Doctoral Degree Completion Rates

Chuck Wight, Dean

The information for the rates came from peoplesoft and the years were divided into three parts for spring, summer, and fall. When comparing the rates from college to college, the university's overall completion rate is about 46%. This rate places us in the middle of the PAC 12. The Dean would like to have all DoGS members to review their college completion rates and report any discrepancies. This data could be used as a metric for strategic planning within departments who might want to work on their completion rates.

2. Update on the ApplyYourself product for Graduate Admissions

Chuck Wight, Dean

The Graduate School and Admissions department are working on the ApplyYourself product, which will provide a unified graduate application, which will go live in fall 2012. All applications will be online so both departments and admissions department can look at the applications at anytime and see the same information. Admissions will look to make sure the student has met the minimum requirements for graduate admissions and departments can recommend a student for admission. Once both admissions and departments approve a student, then they are automatically admitted and sent a letter of acceptance.

The Graduate School is currently meeting weekly with a representative from ApplyYourself as well as representatives from each college to come up with different application templates that each department can use. Applications will allow students to upload any resumes, writing samples, etc. Departments will only be able to contact students that have applied to their program. Departments that have admission committees will have the option to print out a PDF of the students' information and all the information they have submitted. All the information in the ApplyYourself program should be treated with confidentiality.

3. Graduate Tuition for Nonmatriculated Students

Chuck Wight, Dean

Currently, nonmatriculated students have been charged undergraduate tuition for taking graduate classes. Starting in fall semester, any student taking graduate level courses will be charged graduate tuition. The difference is only \$30-\$100 per credit hour, depending on how many credits a student takes. Students that are nonmatriculated or second bachelor degree seeking that are taking courses 6000 level or above will be charged graduate tuition. Departments that have differential tuition will not be affected.

4. Update on the 5% Rule for the Graduate Admissions
Donna Wight, Dean

The Graduate Admissions Committee is proposing the new rule to help departments admit students who may not meet the minimum admission standards. Students who do not have a bachelor's degree and/or have a low TOEFL score will not be considered. The committee is requesting departments send in their student admission numbers for the past few years to determine each department's 5%. This rule will not take effect until fall of 2012, but starting fall 2011, departments can submit a request for one student if they wish. Students admitted through this rule will not be on any probationary period, or be withheld from funding or teaching assistantships. This can give departments an opportunity to increase diversity within their students.

5. Learning Outcomes for Degrees and Accreditation
Chuck Wight, Dean

About 85% of departments have submitted their learning outcomes. The information collected is now published and can be found online at www.learningoutcomes.utah.edu. The information should be reviewed and report any corrections.

6. Minutes
Minutes from the DoGS meetings can be found online on the Graduate School website.

7. Teaching Assistantships
Students who have lost their funding for a TA or RA do not have due process to claim the funding. Departments that make contracts with students about these assistantships should make clear the terms between the funding and the students' responsibility. Students who have their assistantship revoked can still be in their program of study if they pay their tuition. It is not a student's right to have an assistantship.

The next meeting will be held March 31 in the Winder Board Room from 7:30 am – 9:00 am and again from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm.