Minutes

1. Welcome – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)
   a. New DoGS Welcome & Overview of DoGS Duties
2. DoGS Summit Review – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)
   a. The Graduate School held its first annual DoGS Summit on August 16, 2018. This event included many sessions on DoGS responsibilities and best practices, as well as an exploration of some of the resources available to DoGS to help manage and serve the graduate students in their departments.
   b. In conjunction with the DoGS Summit, The Graduate School also introduced the DoGS Handbook, a paper and electronic resource available for training and reference in the acquittal of DoGS duties. The Handbook is available for printing and electronically here: https://gradschool.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/DoGS-Handbook_Online-Version.pdf.
3. Thesis Office Update – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)
   a. DoGS are advised that, due to the overload of manuscript submissions in Summer 2018, 30 students who submitted on or before the deadline for Summer 2018 will not be cleared in time for Summer 2018 graduation. Those students have been contacted and the Thesis Office is working with each student individually to make sure that they are cleared early for Fall 2018 graduation.
   b. The Graduate School is working closely with General Counsel to procure Grammarly AI software for graduate students. This software will assist students throughout their graduate studies to increase their basic writing proficiency and greatly streamline the current Thesis Office process.
4. Rosenblatt Award Announcement – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)
   a. DoGS are reminded of the yearly call for nominations for the prestigious Rosenblatt Award. The Rosenblatt Prize for Excellence is an endowed award, given annually to a member of the faculty of the University of Utah, "to honor excellence in teaching, research and administrative efforts, collectively or individually, on behalf of the University." The Rosenblatt Committee is specially requesting a diverse field of applicants, and all eligible participants are encouraged to nominate excellent faculty.
   b. More information can be found at https://rosenblattprize.utah.edu.
5. International Student Visa Policy Updates – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)

a. Corrections Semester will not be available for International Students after January 1, 2019. This is to reduce the future risk of a student having a green card or other visa denied for having a period of time not covered by their official academic visa.

b. DoGS should be aware that there is increased scrutiny of student compliance to federal and University visa regulations. Policies and enforcement are in a state of flux and international students may be feeling insecure about their status. DoGS and departments are encouraged to stay in contact with ISSS with any issues surrounding student visa status.

6. International Teaching Assistants Program (ITAP) Update – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)
   a. 89 international grad students completed the ITA Training
   b. 57 took the Spoken English Evaluation
   c. 15 are taking a spoken English class in Fall Semester
   d. 28 are taking the ITA Seminar Series
   e. Next ITA Training will be during the Fall Break. A more detailed report will be available in the coming weeks.

7. Reminder: NSF-GRFP Applications Due in October – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)
   a. Oct 22 – Geosciences & Life Sciences
   b. Oct 23 – Computer and Information Science, Engineering, & Materials Research
   c. Oct 25 – Psychology, Social Sciences, & STEM Education and Learning
   d. Oct 26 – Chemistry, Mathematical Sciences, & Physics and Astronomy

8. Upcoming Events – Katie Ullman (Graduate School)
   a. August 31 – Graduate Funding Success NSF-GRFP Workshop
   b. Sept 4 – "Developing Writing Habits that Work" Workshop
   c. Sept 7 – Grad Student Resource Fair
      i. https://gradschool.utah.edu/grad-student-resource-fair
   d. Thesis Office Formatting Workshops in September & October
   e. September 17 – Postdoc Appreciation Day and Keynote Address
      i. speaker: Dr. Sean Sanders, ""Where do I go from here? Paving your path to career success."
   f. October 8-11 – Dissertation & Thesis Writing Boot Camp
      i. https://www.lib.utah.edu/services/graduate-student-boot-camp/registration.php
   g. Fall 2018 Workshops Schedule
      i. http://gradschool.utah.edu/upcoming-events

9. Weintraub Graduate Student Award – Katie Ullman (Graduate School)
   a. The Weintraub Graduate Student Award rewards students for outstanding achievement in the biological sciences. Applications are accepted October through December. More information available at https://www.fredhutch.org/en/labs/basic-sciences/weintraub-award.html

10. Website Highlights – Danny Nelson (Graduate School)
    a. NSF-GRFP Resources Page
       i. The Graduate School's Office of Fellowships and Benefits maintains an informational portal regarding the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program

at http://nsf-grfp.utah.edu. Included in this online resource are past and current workshops and presentations given by University experts regarding best practices for applications for the NSF-GRFP.

b. DoGS Resources Page (DoGS Summit Information)
c. Presentations given at the DoGS Summit are provided on this website: https://gradschool.utah.edu/dogs-summit-2018.