

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes**  
**3/08/2023– 3:30-5:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM LINK:** <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/81521354062?from=addon>

x	Jerry McMurtry		Evan Williamson (Library)	x	Grant Harley (COS) 2024
x	Chris Ludwig (EHHS) 2024		Pedram Rezamand (At-Large/CALS) 2023	x	Carol Billing John Cannon (At-Large/EHHS Boise) 2025
x	Linda Chen (CBE) 2023	x	Kelly Quinnett (CLASS) 2023	x	Ata Zadehgol for Eric Wolbrecht (ENGR) 2025
x	Greg Turner-Rahman (CAA) 2025	x	Leda Kobziar for Kerri Vierling (CNR/ENVS) 2023		Carson Silsby (GPSA)
x	Paul Hohenlohe (UWP) 2024	x	Dan Strawn (CAL) 2023		Adamarie Marquez Acevedo (GPSA)
x	Sarah Wu (At Large/ENGR) 2024				

- I. Minutes from 2/08/2022 Chris 1<sup>st</sup>, Greg 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.
- II. Announcements
  - a. The Dean’s updates: Graduate Visit Day had 17 students and was quite successful, and at the end of month, Idaho Falls campus will host their event.
  - b. Teaching Assistant Awards—VP CEC for 2% increase (likely) for TA to keep us competitive. Send thanks to the President if you wish.
  - c. Excellence Award winners will be announced next Monday, March 20; the ceremony will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Graduate Student Survey is set to launch at the end of the term. The comments go to the deans for the college’s use, and they have applied the data to make decisions.
- III. Old Business
  - a. Power Systems questions answered and revised for GC review. (attached) Vote (10) approved to moving forward.
- IV. New Business
  - a. Discussion of graduate faculty status and non-tenured faculty. Bylaws 1565 FSH (attached) Something to think about as non-tenure positions increase. Should senior instructors with all the credentials be allowed to serve as graduate faculty. Thoughts? Teaching, advising, and mentoring. Quality, consistency, teaching or advising category. D-9 section affects Senior Instructors mostly. Question posed: How often do we get requests? Answer: Minimal. Not overwhelming. Discussion: When the senior instructors read this policy as is, they feel like they don’t belong to the Vandal family. It could be a positive culture move forward. Could a simple language change of “may be” eligible to serve as graduate faculty be sufficient? We need to plan for accountability and unintended consequences. A committee will look at 1700 and bring back for discussion after the anticipated changes to 1565.
  - b. Recommendations-move from university requirement to department level. Proposing catalog change to address the variety of types of recommendations letters, videos, survey, etc. Each program & requirements page on Graduate Admissions will be updated. If dept. does not respond, it will default to the 3 letters. More structured options like a questionnaire for master’s students available and could help recommenders. Suggestions for a possible professional questionnaire builder to assist with the conversion.

Adjourned 4:35