

## **Graduate Council – October 2024**

Introductions and welcome

Attendees:

Dean Walton, Jered Nagel, Krista Chronister, Denita Strietelmeier, Jesus Ramos-Kittrell, Jason Brown, Bonnie Guttierrez, Kate Mills, Gabriela Martinez, Maile Hutterer, Laura Wellman, Leigh Johnson, Beth Harn, Ben McMorran, Ron Bramhall, Barbara Muraca, Sandra Boone, John Beckerman

Grad Council Charge overview

Overview of last year's activities:

- Program Revisions
- Policy Work

Officer Elections:

- Chair position
- Co-chair positions (Kate & Barbara)
- Secretary (Beth)

Grad Council Committees reminder

Reviewing Proposals:

- New Programs
- Program Revisions
- Policy Changes

Proposal Workflow:

- Program/Department
- School/College
- Graduate Council
- UO Senate
- State-Level Approval (for new degree programs)
- External Review (for grad programs)

Overview of EDS degree vs. MS degree – EDS is between PhD and MS (more credits than MS)

Question from Jason Brown:

We used to have access to Promising Scholar awards and no longer do, as of last year. We would like to have access again since we are a terminal award.

Per Krista, that award has been reduced significantly, and is more limited now. Krista will look into its availability for Jason's program going forward.

Question from Jesus Ramos-Kittrell:

What is the role of the committee in process oversight. Do we vet, do we rubber-stamp, etc. A: Our role is to review policy compliance, essentially.

Angie Whalen Proposal:

Joined by Billie Jo Rodriguez. School of Psychology proposes to replace the MS degree with an EdS degree to better reflect the level of training provided. Also proposing to offer the EdS degree in both Eugene and Portland. No new courses or faculty/staff requested. Capacity in Eugene is limited due to internship placement availability, expansion into Portland has shown demand, so increased availability would be helpful. Would also like to update the degree title to improve hiring results for graduates.

Vote Results: proposal passes (11 in favor)

Historical Preservation Masters Program proposal:

Rich Margerum, Uli Dangel – Proposal to move the program from Portland back to the Eugene campus, where it was originally located. Relocation would allow for more robust program and more options for faculty and for cross-degree cooperation and concurrent degrees. Market analysis shows high future demand across need areas, especially for UO graduates. Demand is high in Eugene, even though there aren't any HP majors in Eugene.

Vote Results: proposal passes (9 in favor)