

UD GRADUATE COLLEGE COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES

Monday 2025/03/10

1. Vote on Meeting minutes (Feb 10)
Approved (87%)
2. Update from GSG
Monthly meet was held last week. The following items were discussed:
 - Rising cost of living and fees
 - International travel for transgender and international students may be affected.
3. Graduate Caucus Report
 - The research office continued to inform students about potential funding changes due to federal administration policy changes.
 - The university is committed to support graduate students.
 - Considering a 2-year plan to increase stipend.
4. Updates from the Dean (in absentia)
 - There was a 15-day pause on payment to Fulbright students. Two Fullbright students at UD were affected. The Graduate College made sure that no lapses of funding.
 - Associate Dean job ad out this week
5. Update and expectations for committees (need to self-organize)
 - Plan for committee updates for April meeting
 - Subcommittee should be self-organized. It is expected that to provide quick updates in Apr meeting (~5 minutes each)
6. Share Catalog Resolution; task to ICC
 - Adds language on academic standing and probation for interdisciplinary programs
7. Budget Discussion
 - a. Visit to the April GCC meeting discuss—who to invite? Provost? VP for research? Budget office?
 - b. What kind of questions would we ask?
 - c. Who are allies?
 - Members of GCC expressed concerns about workload and operation of graduate programs and rationale of the budget model.
 - It was suggested to invite the provost to explain the budget model. Chairs may also be invited to the meeting and be our allies.
 - It seems that some departments still don't have a final budget. More transparency about how budget is allocated and cost is estimated.
 - The budget model may make the current federal crisis worse
 - The budget model may negatively affect the STEM departments more.

- Due to the uncertainty of federal funding and UD budget model, departments are discussing rescinding offers.
- What is the vision of graduate education at UD. How this vision is reflected in the budget model. How is graduate education funded?
- Miguel explained that the F&A return has not been changed.
- Some expenses moved from the college level to department level.
- It is unclear how tuition expenses are shared, which may affect interdisciplinary collaboration and programs
- A member expressed that revenue split is unfair because it is split before cost.
- No emergency fund for graduate students.
- In general, more clarity is needed.