

Minutes  
UCGS Meeting  
October 6, 2023

Roll Call – Deb Tollefsen, Angela Oigbokie, Bernie Daigle, Bradley Harrell, Brian Meredith; Carol Danehower, Charisse Gulosino, Chris Harris, Colin Chapell, Greg Boller, Helen Sable, Ivan Ortega-Santos, James Lukawitz; Jennifer Thompson, Jeremy Orosz, Joanne Gikas, John Williams, Larry Weiss, Lynda Feenaughty, Marian Levy, Perveen Rustomfram; Roger Kreuz, Roger Meier, Rui Qi, Stormey Warren, Susan Nordstrom, Robert Byrd, Genae Strong, Leigh Williams, Brittany Foster, Peggy Callahan, Andrew Linn

Approval of September minutes

**Gainful Employment Regulations:** Andrew Lynn came to discuss Gainful Employment regulations and how that will impact us with certificates and any non-degree related programs. We have 86 graduate certificates and that is a red flag for the Department of Education. Also, will have to show by 2025 the earnings of our alums by program. There most likely will be a database of such information much like IPEDS.

Link to Press Release - <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/biden-harris-administration-announces-landmark-final-rules-protect-consumers-unaffordable-student-debt-and-increase-transparency>

**Minimum Graduate School GPA:** Tabled for further discussion. Some colleges believe if we lower the minimum GPA to 2.5 or even establish one their leadership may lower the college requirement and there are questions on this about quality.

**COMP vs No COMP Requirements:** Passed. The departments can make this determination going further. Graduate School will not require COMP EXAMS for Masters beginning Fall 2024.

**Changes to Major Grade Forgiveness Policy:** Passed.

**Health Insurance:** Graduate Dean was able to get bridge funding for ½ of the subsidy for first year. Beyond that, there are no commitments. Provost may require and or leave it up to the Deans to find the funding for subsidies.

**UMDegree:** Peggy reported on the progress as the Graduate School moves toward using UMDegree for Certificates and Masters degrees. Certificates are now updated completing in UMDgree. Beginning next summer Masters need to be in UMDegree and eliminate the candidacy forms – plan to phase in over Summer and Fall 2024.