Directors of Graduate Studies Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 8, 2017  
3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m., S401 Pappajohn Business Building

Meeting was called to order at 3:39 p.m. by Dean John Keller.

**Announcements and Updates**

*From the Dean: Keller reported that the COGS contract negotiation was in the arbitration stage and UI is waiting for the arbitrators decision. The Graduate College submitted the colleges response to the review to the Office of the Provost. Academic Organization 2020 (aka Taskforce 2020) is meeting with each collegiate dean to determine next-steps.*

*Academic Affairs Office: Arbisi-Kelm reminded DGS that the deadline for final exam requests is Friday, March 10, 2017 and the first deposit is March 23, 2017. 956 total degree applications (269 doctoral; 4 EdS; 683 masters) filed for spring 2017.*

*Graduate Student Success Office updates: Teitle introduced Erin Barnes, CIRTL program coordinator in the Graduate College and Morgan Iommi, new Teaching and Learning Specialist in the Center for Teaching.*

Teitle announced the [Open Doors Conference](#) scheduled for April 22, 2017.

**Career Pathways**

Larsen presented career pathways data from the UI placement database. The UI career placement data (initial and current placements) was compared with national data and similar trends were observed.

Teitle moderated a simulated Open Doors career conference panel. She was joined by panelists Trina Roberts, Director of UI Museums (PhD Evolutionary Biology) and Christine Norquest, Academic Advisor (PhD English) for question and answer session focused on their career paths and experiences.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

The next DGS Meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2017 @ 3:30 PM in S401 PBB.