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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting**  
**28 August 2006**  
**3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**  
**Old Main 114**

AGENDA

3:00 Call to Order

Approval of minutes from May 2006

3:05 Announcements

Introductions of members

Review of FSEC

FSEC Brown Bag Lunches with President Albrecht

3:10 University Business President Albrecht

3:20 Consent Items

Athletic Council

Ken White

School of Graduate Studies

Byron

Burnham

3:40 Key Issues & Action Items

4:00 Provost Ray Coward

4:20 New Business

4:30 Adjournment



**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, 20 March 2006**

**Present:** Jan Alm, Ed Heath, John Kras, Pat Lambert, David Luthy, Jennifer MacAdam, Derek Mason, Gary Merkley, Shawn Olsen, Sydney Peterson (for Stan Albrecht), Will Pependorf, Doug Ramsey

**Excused:** Stan Albrecht, Ray Coward, Brent Miller, Bruce Miller,

**Presenters:** Joyce Kinhead, Ken White

Derek Mason called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

John Kras moved to accept the 21 February 2006 minutes as written, seconded by Shawn Olsen, carried unanimously.

**Announcements**

Derek Mason announced that there were no nominations for the 06-07 President-Elect. John Kras is now officially the President-Elect.

**University Business**

Sydney Peterson presented University Business.

Commencement

Sydney Peterson passed out the Commencement Brochure and noted the changes to Commencement this year.

**Consent Agenda**

EPC Business

Joyce Kinhead presented EPC Business. David Luthy moved to pull the DEED Report, seconded by Jan Alm. Shawn Olsen moved to amend the motion to also send a cover letter and a

copy of the DEED Committee's recommendation to Noelle Cockett, Chair of the Blue Ribbon

Committee, seconded by Jan Alm, carried (one abstention). Jan Alm moved to place the EPC

Business without the DEED Report on the consent agenda, seconded by Doug Ramsey, carried.

Honorary Degrees and Awards

Sydney Peterson presented the Honorary Degrees and Awards report which is confidential until a

later date. David Luthy moved to place the Honorary Degrees and Awards report on the consent

agenda, seconded by Jan Alm, carried.

PRPC Report

Jennifer MacAdam presented the PRPC Report. Shawn Olsen moved to place the PRPC Report on the consent agenda, seconded by Pat Lambert, carried (one abstention).

### **Information Items**

Amended Athletics Council Report: Updated Athletics Budget

Ken White presented an amendment to the Athletics Council Report which contained an updated

budget. Ken also recommended that the due date for the Athletics Committee's Report for

Faculty Senate be moved from the January to earlier in the academic year. This allows for more

accurate budget reporting. John Kras moved to place the Amended Athletics Council Report:

Updated Athletics Budget on the consent agenda, seconded by Jan Alm, carried.

### **Key Issues and Action Items**

PRPC Business

Jennifer MacAdam presented the PRPC Business. The Revised Code 202 Flow Chart is for

FSEC information only.

The following are action items for final approval from Faculty Senate:

1) *Clarification of Revision of Role Statement*: John Kras motioned to place the action item

for final approval on the faculty senate agenda, seconded by Jan Alm, carried.

The following are first time action items for Faculty Senate:

1) *Deans' Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee*: John Kras motioned to place the action item on the faculty senate agenda, seconded by Shawn Olsen, carried.

2) *Deadline for Initial Promotion Committee Meeting*: John Kras motioned to place the action item on the faculty senate agenda, seconded by Shawn Olsen, carried.

3) *Academic Rights and Responsibilities*: Shawn Olsen motioned to place the action item on

the faculty senate agenda once attachments #6-8 have been disseminated to the FSEC members. Since PRPC's report was not ready in time for the meeting, a motion was made for Jennifer to send copies of the proposals to FSEC members. Members would vote on whether or not to place this on the FS's agenda by Thursday 5 p.m. via email to the Executive Secretary, seconded by Pat Lambert, carried (one abstention).

The following need a charge from Faculty Senate:

1) *Role Statement Criteria for Award of Tenure and Promotion – Excellence in a Minor Role*: Jan Alm motioned to place the action item on the faculty senate agenda, seconded by Shawn Olsen, carried.

2) *Supervisors on Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committees*: Doug Ramsey motioned to place the action item on the faculty senate agenda, seconded by John Kras, carried.

### **New Business**

Jan Alm presented new business in regards to the Academic Freedom and Tenure (AFT)

Committee Report and changing of Code 402.12.3 Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee

wording by changing an “and” to a “to”. The effect of this will be that the AFT Committee only

rules on if due process is followed and not if the grievance is valid or not. This also affects Code

407.6.6 Grievance hearing. John Kras moved to send a letter to Academic Freedom and Tenure

Committee from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee reminding them of both duties as

written in code, seconded by Shawn Olsen, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm

# **Athletic Council Report**

For Period of  
July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

Submitted to the  
Utah State University  
Faculty Senate

By USU Athletic Council

Kenneth L. White Chair, (2005-2006), Faculty Athletics Representative

Julie Foust, Vice Chair (2005-2006)

## **Executive Summary**

The Athletic Council advises the President with respect to the athletics program. The duties of the council are to: (a) help maintain an athletic program compatible with the best academic interests of the university; (b) assure compliance with the rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and the university athletic code; (c) review and recommend to the President and the Board of Trustees all intercollegiate athletic budgets; and (d) recommend policies and procedures for all aspects of the intercollegiate programs. Major issues of importance to Athletics at Utah State University during the 2005-06 academic year were: beginning athletic competition in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), Romney Stadium renovations continue with the ground breaking for the North Endzone facilities. The latest (2005) Utah State University student athlete federal graduation rate is 64% (98-99 cohort rate; compared to 45% for the general USU student Body), with a four year average of 62%. A total of 120 student athletes received All – Academic conference (WAC). There were 143 (46% Of all student athletes) recipients of the Joe E. Whitesides Scholar-Athlete awards with the highest GPA award presented to Andrea Barker (4.0 GPA; Women's Tennis) . The Athletics department continued their efforts at enhancing funding through increased ticket sales, Big Blue contributions, sponsorship opportunities, media contracts and outside donations. Overall, the Athletics programs at Utah State University are healthy and looking toward the growth that is necessary to keep the program competitive as we now compete in the WAC in all sports.

## **Faculty Senate Report Athletics Council**

### *Introduction:*

*Committee Members:* Kenneth White, Chair; Julie Foust, Vice-Chair (05-06), Mike Freeman, Vice-Chair (06-07) Stan Albrecht, Raymond Coward, Juan Franco, Glenn Ford, Randy Spetman, Mary Ellen Cloninger, Craig Kelsey, Paul Parkinson, Quinn Millet, Rosie Strong, Ryan Taylor, Erin Manning, Betty Dance, Kathy Piercy, Lynn Dudley, Bob Mills. *Ex Officio Members:* Brian Evans, Ken Peterson.

*Mission:* The Athletic Council advises the President with respect to the athletics program. The duties of the council are to: (a) help maintain an athletic program compatible with the best academic interests of the university; (b) assure compliance with the rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and the university athletic code; (c) review and recommend to the President and the Board of Trustees all intercollegiate athletic budgets; and (d) recommend policies and procedures for all aspects of the intercollegiate programs.

The annual report from the Athletics Council to Faculty Senate includes both future and current issues facing the Athletics Department. Each issue is reviewed by the athletics council to insure the Department of Athletics is operating within the guidelines of the NCAA and Utah State University. Monitoring the annual budget, identifying potential new revenue sources and efficiently managing expenses are always a priority. A long-term goal of the Athletics Department is to become increasingly self-funded. Key facts and discussion items for the current year include: USU's initiation of competition in the new Western Athletic Conference, academic accomplishments of student-athletes, and highlight some of our student-athlete athletic accomplishments.

1. Conference Affiliation:

- On July 1, 2005 Utah State University became a full member of the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) in all sports.
- Membership in the WAC will facilitate the athletic programs at USU in several ways. This conference is composed of institutions primarily located in the western region, and as such, provides the opportunity for more regional competition and reduces travel expenses.
- The new WAC consists of USU, University of Nevada – Reno, New Mexico State University, Boise State University, Fresno State University, San Jose State University, University of Hawaii, University of Idaho, and Louisiana Tech University.
- The new WAC is more regionally located so the travel costs for the Utah State University program should decrease.
- In the WAC, the football program will have more opportunities for bowl games which will also positively impact recruiting. The most recent football season resulted in three WAC teams participating in bowl games.
- With membership in the WAC, all 16 of Utah State University teams are in one conference.

2. Graduation rates

- The 99-00 cohort rate (most recent) is 61%, with a four year average of 64%;
- The 98-99 cohort rate is 64%, with a 4-year average of 62%;
- The '97-'98 cohort rate was 53%, with a 4-year average of 62%;
- The '96-'97 cohort rate was 81%, with a 4-year average of 60%;
- The '95-'96 cohort rate was 45%, with a 4-year average of 53%;

- The '94-'95 cohort rate was 64% with a 4-year average of 53%
- In all years and categories except '95-96 cohort, the graduation rate was higher than the general student body.

The NCAA released the first Graduation Success Rate (GSR) for all teams of all NCAA Division I Member Institutions in December, 2005. This rate, a 4-year Average that can be directly compared to the Federal Rates' 4-year average mentioned above, is a more accurate snapshot of how scholarship student-athletes graduate. Students who transfer to USU that fall into one of the cohorts are counted in this rate (they are *not* counted in the federal rate) when they graduate; students who transfer from USU and are academically eligible at the time of transfer do *not* count against USU graduation rates (as they do with the federal rate). The overall USU GSR for the 4-year cohorts encompassing 1996-2000 is **78% (up from last year's 74%)**.

### 3. Academics/Awards

- The **composite student-athlete** grade point average after the Spring 2006 semester was a 3.08.
- 2005-06 Academic All-Conference selections: 120
  - Academic All-Conference rank among WAC institutions: 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Seventh time in the last eight years USU has lead their conference in Academic All-Conference selections.
- Percent of student-athletes above 3.0: 54%
- The **Top female cumulative team** (Soccer) grade point average after the Spring 2006 semester was a 3.476.
- The **Top male cumulative team** (Cross Country) grade point average after the Spring 2006 semester was a 3.236.
- Men's and Women's track team recognized by U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association as All-Academic Track & Field Teams.
- Six women's track student-athletes named U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Track & Field Team (3.25 or higher GPA).
- Two men's track student-athletes named to U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Track & Field Team (3.25 or higher GPA).
- Six gymnasts earned Academic All-America honors from the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastic Coaches/Women.
- The USU gymnastics team earned National Association of Collegiate Gymnastic Coaches/Women. Academic All-America honors with a team GPA of 3.366
- NCAA Graduation Success Rate: 78% (**leads WAC**)
- Federal Graduation Rate: 61% (compared to 47% USU Student Body)

- A total of **143** (46% of all student-athletes) Utah State University student athletes received the **Joe E. Whitesides Scholar Athlete** award in 2005-06.

#### 4. Athletic Accomplishments

- Men's Basketball 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2006 Western Athletics Conference Tournament and received a first round bid to the NCAA Basketball Tournament.
- Men's Basketball ranked third in the country in field-goal percentage shooting.
- Nate Harris earned All-WAC first-team honors and second-team All-District honors.
- USU had three individuals qualify for the NCAA track indoor championships and eight for the NCAA outdoor championships – the eight in outdoor was a school record number.
- Women's Soccer placed second in the WAC.
- Men's Cross Country was the first USU team to win a WAC Championship.
- Women's Cross Country placed second in the WAC.
- Men's track placed second in the WAC.
- Women's Volleyball placed second in the WAC and received a first round bid to the NCAA Tournament.
- USU finished fourth in the WAC Commissioner's Cup race.
- The Athletics department re-instated the Hall of Fame and inducted five new members: Marvin Roberts, Al Smith, Kris Stano Lilly, John Clyde Worley and Dr. John Worley.
- Trevor Ball and Tiffany Strickland were invited to the NCAA Cross Country Championships.
- Trevor Ball, received All-American honors in Men's Cross Country.
- Zuzana Cernianska, received Honorable Mention All-American honors from the American Volleyball Coaches Association.
- Brian Soi and Jake Hutton, Football, received Freshman All-American honors from the Sporting News – Hutton was named a Third-Team selection, and Soi was Honorable Mention.
- Three USU football players signed NFL free agent contracts: Jarrett Bush – Carolina; John Chick – Houston and Donald Penn – Minnesota.
- Grayson DuBose was hired as the new Head Coach of Women's Volleyball.
- Candi Letts was hired as the new Head Coach of Softball.

## 6. Budget

### UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY Athletics Department Budget Report Fiscal Years 2005-06 and 2006-07

Budgeted income	Change	Actual income	Change	Projected income	
FY 2005-06		FY 2005-06		FY 2006-07	
\$1,630,275	(\$90,058)	\$1,540,217	\$82,072	\$1,622,289	a
\$759,000	\$552	\$759,552	(\$552)	\$759,000	
\$725,472	(\$34,243)	\$691,229	\$30,690	\$721,919	a
\$1,625,000	(\$133,118)	\$1,491,882	\$238,118	\$1,730,000	b
\$645,000	(\$256,666)	\$388,334	\$116,666	\$505,000	c
\$725,000	\$0	\$725,000	\$275,000	\$1,000,000	d
\$1,370,000	(\$256,666)	\$1,113,334	\$391,666	\$1,505,000	
\$725,000	(\$31,397)	\$693,603	\$11,397	\$705,000	e
\$787,848	(\$83,528)	\$704,320	\$95,680	\$800,000	
\$15,000	\$6,361	\$21,361	\$8,639	\$30,000	
\$85,000	\$12,138	\$97,138	\$2,862	\$100,000	
\$887,848	(\$65,029)	\$822,819	\$107,181	\$930,000	f
\$50,000	(\$20,714)	\$29,286	\$20,714	\$50,000	
\$50,000	\$73,611	\$123,611	\$26,889	\$150,500	
\$20,000	(\$1,099)	\$18,901	\$1,099	\$20,000	
\$600,000	(\$134,439)	\$465,561	\$134,439	\$600,000	
\$15,000	(\$1,000)	\$14,000	\$1,000	\$15,000	
\$240,000	\$232,238	\$472,238	(\$232,238)	\$240,000	
\$83,046	(\$14,194)	\$68,852	\$11,148	\$80,000	
\$1,058,046	\$134,403	\$1,192,449	(\$36,949)	\$1,155,500	g
\$350,000	\$122,709	\$472,709	(\$122,709)	\$350,000	
\$105,000	\$36,667	\$141,667	(\$36,667)	\$105,000	
\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	
\$275,000	\$23,085	\$298,085	(\$23,085)	\$275,000	
\$60,000	\$2,010	\$62,010	(\$2,010)	\$60,000	
\$55,000	\$3,330	\$58,330	(\$3,330)	\$55,000	
\$870,000	\$187,801	\$1,057,801	(\$187,801)	\$870,000	h
\$100,000	\$75,033	\$175,033	(\$54,942)	\$120,091	i
\$9,750,641	(\$212,722)	\$9,537,919	\$580,880	\$10,118,799	
\$9,750,641	\$303,908	\$10,054,549	\$64,250	\$10,118,799	

\$0	(\$516,630)	(\$516,630)	\$645,130	\$0
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**UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Athletics Department**  
**Expenditure Summary Report**

Account	FY 2005-06 Budget		FY 2005-06 Actuals		FY 2006-07 Proposed	
Total Salaries and Benefits	\$4,154,947	\$41,255	\$4,196,202	\$107,155	\$4,303,357	j
Administration	\$695,220	\$9,346	\$704,566	(\$9,306)	\$695,260	k
Academic Support	\$46,763	(\$2,505)	\$44,258	\$1,867	\$46,125	k
Weight Room	\$49,000	(\$37)	\$48,963	\$37	\$49,000	k
Media Relations	\$138,500	\$14,434	\$152,934	(\$14,434)	\$138,500	k
Advertising and Promotions	\$245,500	\$20,752	\$266,252	(\$20,752)	\$245,500	k
Video Room	\$25,000	(\$1,334)	\$23,666	\$6,334	\$30,000	k
Medical	\$303,000	(\$1,444)	\$301,556	\$1,444	\$303,000	k
Training Room	\$43,000	\$3,963	\$46,963	(\$3,963)	\$43,000	k
Ticket Office	\$120,500	\$19,352	\$139,852	\$20,148	\$160,000	k
Football	\$1,540,765	\$30,537	\$1,571,302	(\$49,842)	\$1,521,460	k
Men's Basketball	\$468,633	\$86,768	\$555,401	(\$50,091)	\$505,310	k
Men's Golf	\$37,000	(\$9)	\$36,991	\$9	\$37,000	k
Men's Tennis	\$33,664	\$11,960	\$45,624	(\$6,960)	\$38,664	k
Men's Track	\$141,112	\$25,416	\$166,528	\$1,372	\$167,900	k
Women's Track	\$241,412	\$20,324	\$261,736	\$15,814	\$277,550	k
Women's Volleyball	\$247,328	(\$1,441)	\$245,887	(\$447)	\$245,440	k
Women's Gymnastics	\$229,599	\$4,023	\$233,622	\$418	\$234,040	k
Softball	\$193,523	(\$1,960)	\$191,563	(\$3,303)	\$188,260	k
Women's Tennis	\$74,492	\$7,001	\$81,493	(\$2,001)	\$79,492	k
Women's Soccer	\$129,228	\$15,303	\$144,531	\$60,930	\$205,461	k

Women's Basketball	\$330,455	\$2,114	\$332,569	\$9,911	\$342,480	k
Capital Improvements	\$262,000	\$90	\$262,090	(\$90)	\$262,000	l
TOTAL BUDGET	\$9,750,641	\$303,908	\$10,054,549	\$64,250	\$10,118,799	

## Explanation of changes between FY 2005-06 and FY 2006-07

- a. Increase includes 3.5% increase for salaries and filling of vacant position. Also includes increase in cost of staff benefits.
- b. Athletics received a \$4.00 per semester fee increase.
- c. Projected increase in ticket sales for 5 home games, including the Univ. of Utah.
- d. Game guarantees from Wyoming \$100,000, Arkansas \$500,000, and BYU \$400,000.
- e. Projected increase in ticket sales for home games.
- f. Increase from new members joining the Big Blue Club.
- g. Projected growth in all areas of the athletic fund.
- h. NCAA and WAC revenue distribution is a conservative estimate. Actual funds received could be more than estimated, depending on performance.
- i. Conservative estimate of endowment interest.
- j. Salary and benefits were increased by 3.5%.
- k. All expense budgets have been evaluated and adjusted for financial aid increases, game officials, team travel, and equipment needs.
- l. This includes the payments for the scoreboards in the spectrum and stadium.

Note: The \$516,630 deficit will begin to be repaid at approximately \$50,000 per year beginning with the FY 2007-08 budget. If extra funds are available prior to that time or more funds are generated they will be applied to the deficit.

REPORT TO THE FACULTY SENATE  
THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES  
2005-2006

The School of Graduate Studies reports here that graduate student enrollments for the 2005-2006 academic year saw record highs in both total enrollment at 3,311 and in doctoral enrollment specifically, with an increase from 591 to 623 students. The number of masters students also increased from 1,993 students in 2004-2005 to 2,688 students last year. This report will also provide information on initiatives of the Graduate School during last year and where major effort will be placed during the upcoming academic year. Primarily, we intend to continue major efforts to recruit students into USU graduate programs, generate additional support for graduate education, and we continued to strive to make the Graduate School more responsive to the needs of USU's students and faculty.

We have organized this report into three sections. Part one outlines activities and achievements for 2005-2006. Part two provides general information about the mission of the Graduate School and information concerning last year's actions by the Graduate Council. Part three consists of statistics about USU's graduate education system. The appendix to this report contains tabulated data about last year's graduate students.

**I. Changes, Achievements, and New Initiatives**

**A. Changes and Achievements for 2005-2006**

There were several changes in personnel of the School of Graduate Studies. Dr. Laurens Smith continued as Interim Dean with Dr. Shelley Lindauer continuing as Interim Associate Dean for the majority of the year. Dr. Byron Burnham was named Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School effective June 1, 2006. Dr. Shelley Lindauer was named as Associate Dean. Other staff changes included the addition of Jamie Spence in June, who replaced Amber Larson at our reception desk. Randy Evans also joined the staff in June, replacing Patty Ross. In the face of these changes the priorities for the School of Graduate Studies during the 2005-06 academic year continued to focus primarily on aspects of the Graduate School's compact plan. Specifically, we sought to improve graduate recruitment efforts, continued addressing financial issues of

graduate students through fellowships, awards, waivers, and tuition remissions, and to move forward on other program matters.

## **1. Graduate Student Recruitment**

Dr. Shelley Lindauer made major efforts to advance and improve graduate student recruitment during 2005-2006. For example, Dr. Lindauer organized visits to a larger number of regional and national graduate student recruitment events and involved USU faculty and graduate students, awarded funds to improve unit recruitment efforts to 17 departments, expanded regional and advertising of USU graduate programs, implemented GRE screenings to identify and acquire contact information for prospective students and accumulated a total of over 6,000 referrals. New efforts were made to begin tracking students through the recruitment process to analyze the effectiveness of our recruitment strategy. The Graduate School also continued to visit departments to discuss recruitment strategies and provided support for departments to access recruitment training opportunities.

## **2. Graduate Student Funding**

The Graduate School was able to continue financial support of graduate students with a variety of mechanisms, including continued fellowships available through the Inland Northwest Research Alliance (INRA), a COS/COE diversity fellowship, six Seely-Hinckley Scholarships, two Martin Luther King Fellowships, one Patel Fellowship, and nine dissertation fellowships (one more than last year). We provided substantial numbers of tuition waivers and remissions, and continued support for Native American students, and a fellow for the Western Historical Quarterly.

In addition to funding to support travel by graduate students presenting at professional meetings and conferences offered through the Graduate Student Senate, the Graduate School continued to offered travel funding for students to advance their scholarly efforts.

## **3. Graduate Council Activities**

Although described in more detail in a later section of this report, the USU Graduate Council acted on new acted on new graduate program proposals and a variety of graduate issues.

## **4. Graduate Application Processing and Student Training**

With the university's implementation of elements of Banner, it was necessary that the Graduate School offer an on-line graduate application. To facilitate department access to graduate application information and all applicant materials, the Graduate School established an electronic records-keeping software system, eDrawer.

The Graduate School continues to offer on-going opportunities for the mandatory training of graduate students employed as graduate teaching assistants via Web-CT.

## **II. MISSION OF THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

### **A. Graduate Council**

The Graduate Council reviews and approves the policies and regulations for graduate studies at USU and advises the dean on their application. Listed below are the Graduate Council Members who served in 2005-2006.

<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Kenneth L. White	Agriculture
Glenn McEvoy	Business
Susan Crowley	Education
Marv Halling	Engineering
Mark Zachry	HASS
Todd Crowl	Natural Resources
Richard Cutter	Science
Douglas R. Ramsey	Faculty Senate
John Elsweiler	Library
Laurens Smith	School of Graduate Studies
Maure Smith	Graduate Student Senate President
Ben Sessions	Graduate Student Senate Vice President

### **A. Major Graduate Council Actions: 2005-2006**

A proposal from the Special Education and Rehabilitation Department to reorganize specializations with the Disabilities Disciplines PhD was approved (9/14/05).

A proposal from the School of Accountancy to rename two specializations and to create a Personal Financial Planning specialization within the Master of Accounting was approved (11/9/05).

A proposal to suspend the 9-credit rule for tuition waivers and remissions (to spread the allocation of waiver/remission funding) was approved (1/27/06).

A proposal from the Business Administration Department to discontinue four specializations within the MBA degree was approved (1/27/06).

A proposal from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering to suspend the 24-credits-in-residency policy to accommodate an international exchange program (for MS degree) with China was approved (2/17/06).

A proposal from the Department of Engineering and Technology Education to offer the Plan C option within their existing MS degree in Engineering and Technology Education was approved (3/24/06).

A proposal from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering to offer an MS degree in Computer Engineering was approved (3/24/06).

A proposal from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering to offer a Master of Engineering (Plan C) degree in Computer Engineering with two specializations (Electrical Engineering; Computer Engineering) was approved (3/24/06).

A proposal from the Sociology Department to offer a Master of Social Work degree was approved (3/24/06).

## **Funding for Graduate Students**

The following funds were made available for student support through the Graduate Dean's office in 2005-2006

\$177,000	Presidential Fellowships
165,000	Research V.P. Fellowships
9,413	Seely-Hinckley Scholarships
4,542,900	Out-of-State Tuition Waivers and Doctoral In-state Tuition Remission, and Instate

	Tuition Scholarships
\$4,552,655	Total

## **Graduate Student Travel**

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) administers funds from the School of Graduate Studies and from the Vice President for Research for travel cost for graduate students who present papers at professional meetings. Master's students are eligible for one \$300 award and doctoral students are eligible for two \$300 awards during their degree programs. Students can receive funding for USU-generated papers presented up to three months after graduation, with appropriate recognition of USU on the paper.

Of the 165 graduate students who applied for travel funds in 2005-2006, 154 actually traveled, with a total expenditure of \$45,249. There were 39 more awards than in 2004-2005.

### **III. Enrollment Information**

#### **A. Applications**

Applications for graduate study at USU during 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 are difficult to determine with exactness because of the conversion to Banner reporting systems. Some applicant information was compiled in SIS prior to Banner application processing. Also early in the 2005 application season, paper applications were still being received and needed to be hand entered. However, we will report the data as it currently exists. The total number of applications can be determined by using the data compiled in Banner reporting in consort with application revenue deposited. For the 2004-2005 year, there was an increase of about 1%. According to that increase the 2004-2005 numbers would be 3,024 based on the increase from 2003-2004. The revenue increase for the 2005-2006 applications from 2004-2005 was about 9%. As with the 2004-2005 applications the number for 2005-2006 applications would be about 3,263.

#### **B. Enrollments**

Total matriculated graduate student enrollment for Fall 2005 was 3,311, 16.3% of all USU students and a 28.1% increase from Fall 2004 (Table 3). The total of matriculated graduate students plus post baccalaureate, nonmatriculated students was 3,807, a decrease of 2.7% over last year.

The number of master's students for 2005-06 increased by 34.9% from 1,993 to 2,688 students (Table 4). There was an increase of 32 doctoral students to a total of 623 in Fall 2005, a 5.4% increase from Fall 2004 and a new record high.

## **C. Degrees Awarded**

Numbers of degree types and their department distribution is unavailable at present because of database accessibility. However, 231 master's and 37 doctoral degrees were posted Fall 2005. An additional 340 master's degrees, 2 post-master's degrees, and 35 doctoral degrees were posted Spring 2006.

## **D. Student Diversity**

American ethnic minority students continue to be a relatively small percentage of USU's matriculated graduate students. The total for the principal minority groups increased by about 19% in 2005-06 (Table 5).

**TABLE 1**

**Scholarship In-State Tuition Waivers  
2005-06**

<b><u>College</u></b>	<b><u>Resident Semesters</u></b>	<b><u>Nonresident Semesters</u></b>
Agriculture	2	2
Business	5	3
Education	11	4
Engineering	7	3
HASS	4	3
Natural Resources	4	2
Science	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
	<b>39</b>	<b>21</b>

**TABLE 2**

**Graduate Applications for Admission  
to Graduate Study  
1989-90 to 2005-06**

<b><u>Requested Year of Study</u></b>	<b><u>Number</u></b>
1989-90	(NA, computer failure)
1990-91	2469
1991-92	2667
1992-93	3162
1993-94	2933
1994-95	3203
1995-96	2997
1996-97	3085
1997-98	2586
1998-99	2360
1999-2000	2825
2000-01	3039
2001-02	3183
2002-03	3316
2003-04	2994
2004-05	3024
2005-06	3263 (estimated)

**TABLE 4**

**USU FALL QUARTER/SEMESTER MATRICULATED  
GRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT, BY LEVEL, 1994-2005**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Master's</u>			<u>Doctorate</u>			<u>Total</u>	
	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u> Change
1994	1,771	54	3.1	490	13	2.7	2,261	3.1
1995	1,791	20	1.1	498	8	1.6	2,289	1.2
1996	1,862	71	4.0	459	-39	-7.8	2,321	1.4
1997	2,120	258	13.9	397	-62	-13.5	2,517	8.4
1998	1,716	-404	-19.1	369	-28	-7.1	2,085	-17.2
1999	1,914	198	11.5	368	-1	-0.3	2,282	9.4
2000	1,812	-102	-5.3	398	30	8.2	2,210	-3.2
2001	2,037	225	12.4	406	8	2.0	2,443	10.5
2002	1,956	-81	-4.0	490	84	20.7	2,446	0.1
2003	2,014	58	3.0	539	49	10.0	2,553	4.4
2004	1,993	-21	-1.0	591	52	9.6	2,584	1.2
2005	2,688	695	34.9	623	32	5.4	3,311	28.1
Change 1994-2005		917	51.8		133	27.1	1,050	46.4

Source: 1994-2001, Analysis, Accreditation, & Assessment, USU Fact Books; 2002-2005 Enrollment Summary Report

**TABLE 5**  
**Matriculated Ethnic Minority Graduate Student Enrollments**  
**by Degree Level, Fall Quarter 1993-2005<sup>a</sup>**

Year	Master's						Doctorate						Am Ind	A
	Am Ind	Asian	Black	Hisp	Total	% <sup>a</sup>	Am Ind	Asian	Black	Hisp	Total	% <sup>a</sup>		
1993	3	30	4	18	55	3.2	5	13	2	11	31	6.5	8	
1994	4	26	7	19	56	3.2	7	9	1	11	28	5.7	11	
1995	7	25	5	13	50	2.8	5	12	3	8	28	5.6	12	
1996	9	27	6	17	59	3.2	5	9	3	8	25	5.4	14	
1997	14	24	7	28	73	3.4	7	7	3	8	25	6.3	21	
1998	7	19	7	16	49	2.9	6	5	1	6	18	4.9	13	
1999	5	21	6	13	45	2.4	7	3	4	9	23	6.3	12	
2000	6	19	14	16	55	3.0	7	5	3	9	24	6.0	13	
2001	11	26	6	24	67	3.3	6	6	2	8	22	5.4	17	
2002	5	16	9	18	48	2.5	5	7	3	9	24	4.9	10	
2003	8	21	5	20	54	2.7	4	8	3	8	23	4.3	12	
2004	4	19	5	19	47	2.4	5	8	3	10	26	4.4	9	
2005	15	16	4	26	61	2.3	6	5	4	11	26	4.2	21	

<sup>a</sup> Percent of all master's, doctoral, matriculated graduate students.

Source: Office of Planning and Analysis, *USU Fact Books, Enrollment Summary 2004-2005*.