

## **GRADUATE ADMINISTRATORS' COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, October 8, 2020**

**via Zoom Meeting ID: <https://odu.zoom.us/j/94646252712>**

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**Attendees:** Bryan Porter, Missy Barber, Genny Conwell, Bill Heffelfinger, Craig Bayse, Dale Miller, David Chapman, David Cook, Dorothy Lockaby, Jane Dane, Karen Eck, Khan Iftekharuddin, Lamar Reams, Tisha Paredes, Wie Yusuf, Raphael Landaeta, Christopher Bowman, La Wanza Lett-Brewington, Miltos Kotinis, and Linda Bol.

### **Welcome**

Bryan Porter greeted council members.

**Support for Graduate Students During COVID-19:** La Wanza Lett-Brewington informed Council that she is currently working with staff members and students to provide assistance to those that are working remotely and balancing parental obligations with academics. She said that these students are suffering in silence and asked for suggestions on how to promote the available assistance. Missy Barber suggested the Let's Talk Grad Life sessions as another option. There was open discussion about providing flexible and alternative meeting timeframes for students that have children currently at home due to the pandemic.

**US News & World Report's Graduate Engineering Survey:** Raphael Landaeta provided an update on the completed survey and a review of some of these questions from the survey was provided. There was open discussion about data and questions at the admission and exit levels and who tracks students after graduation. Bill Heffelfinger said that we can add this information to the admissions application and that we would just need to identify programs that are interested. Tisha Paredes informed Council that a graduate student exit survey already exists, and she provided the assessment link for graduating students.



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