

**Provost's Advisory Council
Summary of October 28, 2010 meeting**

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1. The summary for the meeting of September 23, 2010 was approved, with one request for an addition to the section on the Academic Calendar that would note the problem that short semesters cause for graduate courses that meet only once per week. The summary, as amended, will be sent to the President's Office. All summaries are posted on the Provost's Office website; members are encouraged to share the summary with colleagues.
 2. Anthropology Program: Bert Garza and David Quigley opened the discussion of a possible anthropology program at the university.

The Vice Provost for Graduate Education could play a useful role in fostering greater coordination among existing university courses on quantitative and qualitative research methodologies.

In an email sent prior to the meeting, a PAC member who could not be present expressed support for the idea of anthropology, but also concern that we provide stronger resources for the extensive study of languages that serious work in anthropology requires.

3. Faculty-elected Committee for the Faculty Handbook: Callista Roy represented the view of some faculty that faculty generally ought to have a greater role in the content of the Faculty Handbook, because of its significance for faculty. An elected faculty committee for this purpose would also respond to a call for a larger faculty role in university governance.

In the subsequent discussion, the following points were made:

5. Provost's Report:

Bert Garza noted that efforts were being made to minimize the disruptions from the construction of the new Stokes Academic Building.

Bert noted that budgets for future fiscal years were under discussion, and that whatever the specific decisions, schools and departments should anticipate that the former practice of equal across-the-board increases for all programs was no longer viable.

The next meeting of the Provost Advisory Council will be Thursday, November 18, 2010.