# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

September 27 2017, GBB 202, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

*Members Present:* F. Brown, J. Farnsworth, K. Harris, G. Morrill, M. Murphy, S. Ross, D. Schuldberg, S. Stan, K. Volk
*Members Absent/Excused:* B. Baker, L. Broberg, C. Dumke, C. Fitspatrick, C. Palmer R. Smith
Ex-Officio Present: A. Kinch, N. Lindsay, V.P. Whittenburg

Call to Order

* The minutes from 9/20/17 were approved.

## Business Items

* The program review document for the Masters in Accounting was approved.
* Graduate student Farnsworth presented the results of the GPSA survey regarding the proposed cuts to the e-journals.
* Graduate Council discussed the draft letter to the administration outlining the GPSA and Graduate Council’s concerns regarding the proposed reductions to the library collection. VP Whittenburg corrected the indirect cost percentage. The Library reports to the Provost. She is in discussions with the dean. It is her job to minimize the damage caused by the budget cuts. The $600,000 has to come from somewhere.

The annual inflationary costs of collections should be addressed. The Library cannot expect an increase to its budget every year when the institution has reduced enrollment. The Council inquired whether it would be possible for Montana to join a Northwest consortium to establish a larger negotiation base.

The letter will be fine-tuned by Professor Schuldberg and sent to the Provost, the Library Dean, VP Whittenburg and the President.

* Subcommittees were asked to decide on a chair.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.