Welcome, Mark McLellan

- **Announcements**
  - Nearly half of the Plan Cs have been changed to professional degrees.
  - The search committee has received 29 applicants for the position of admission director. The selection and interview process is moving forward.
  - Admission processors are available after the meeting to meet with individual departments.

- **Erin**
  - Departments may add to the standardized entrance exams they have identified as acceptable for admission to the Graduate School. Other national entrance exams are available that departments might be interested in. If so, please notify the Graduate School. Applicants will still be required to meet the 40th percent. (Attachments: (a) two articles which support the predictability that entrance scores indicate success of a student, and (b) current list of accepted department entrance exams identified in SGS.)
  - We are aware of admission deadlines and are working as quickly as possible. If a department desires to pay for the application fee for admission, Erin can push the application without a payment but a department must contact Lorraine Walker (Lorraine.walker@usu.edu) to work the payment out. It was mentioned that the drop downs on the spreadsheets are not working. Processors will go through the spreadsheets and fix the problem.

- **Mark**
  - The decision has been made to discontinue provisional admission. Conditional admission will continue to be available. Remember that conditional indicates that there is a missing piece of information. Conditional can be used for domestic students only. We are not allowed to accept an international student with any missing information.
  - A waiver indicates that all of the information has been received, but the student does not meet the accepted minimum levels of acceptance.

- **Jeff**
  - Information on available Hotcourses for international recruiting was forwarded to GPCs at the end of December. If anyone is interested, please contact Jeff Broadbent (jeff.broadbent@usu.edu).
  - Recruitment booths are available for the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research. Contact Angel Peatross (angel.peatross@usu.edu) if interested.

- **Joan**
  - Commencement information was handed out (see attachment). This information will be included in the defense packets and the graduation paperwork sent to the students.
- The differences between Leave of Absence, continuous registration, and Continuing Graduate Advisement (CGA) were addressed (see attachment). International students must use CGA. They are not allowed to have continuous registration.
- Email Joan Rudd (joan.rudd@usu.edu) with any changes to the Program of Study (POS).