Directors of Graduate Studies and Graduate Coordinators

Fall Meeting 2014

Thursday, October 30, 2014, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Knight Library Browsing Room
Today’s Agenda

Welcome

Introduction of New Staff and Update on Dean Search

Update on Graduate School Activities, including the Capital Campaign and Graduate Student Support

For Group Discussion: Focus on Professional Development and Graduate Student Career Preparation
New Staff and Dean Search

NEW STAFF

- Brandy Teel, Engagement and Opportunities Manager
- Nancy Willcox-Trent, Operations Coordinator
- Fall Faculty in Residence
  - Lamia Karim (Anthropology), Ann Tedards (Music)
  - Being piloted in Fall 2014 to provide faculty expertise until the dean and associate dean positions are both filled

DEAN SEARCH

- Announcement now posted on [HR site](#)
- Closes November 20
- Search process will include finalists’ public presentations, likely in early December, with opportunity for attendee comment
Update on Graduate School Activities

CONTINUING GOALS FOR EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION, AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES IN GRADUATE EDUCATION

- Graduate School as Clearinghouse of Resources and Best Practices for Professional Development, Recruitment, Advising and Mentorship of Graduate Students
  - Brandy’s Role: Small Group Meetings with DGS; Individualized Development Plans; NCFDD; Sexual Harassment Training
  - This year’s Innovations in Graduate Education

- **Data:** Exit Survey revisions to take effect next fall, Exit Survey Five-Year Report updated online; 2015 Graduate Student Experience Survey, Report to the Senate Task Force to Address Sexual Violence and Survivor Support
CONTINUING GOALS FOR EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION, AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES IN GRADUATE EDUCATION

- **Recruitment and Retention of Diverse Students:**
  - Changes to application waiver eligibility and process
  - GradWeb improvements
  - Recruitment Best Practices/Resources
  - Collaboration with International Affairs and improved information for international applicants
  - Promising Scholar Awards
    - Call to be distributed within the next week
    - Three deadlines, max. number of awards and nominations
  - **Improved Graduate Student Support:** Changes to on-leave process, full-time consideration for self-support ABD students; resident tuition being sought for those receiving comprehensive fellowships
Update on Graduate School Activities

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- **Grad Forum:** Friday, Feb. 20 in the Alumni Center
  - New Features
    - Shorter time frame (10:00-3:00- see next slide)
    - Graduate student groups hosted reception
    - Competitive Application Process
    - New Location: Alumni Ballroom and break out rooms
    - Poster session in Matt Knight Arena
    - Individual submissions and student/department-created panel sessions along four tracks within the theme

- **Submission Proposal Timeline**
  - Proposals invited Nov. 7 - Dec. 15
# 2015 Grad Forum Agenda

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Update on Graduate School Activities

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- Capital Campaign and Graduate Student Support:
  - It’s important to remember that each school/college has also included support for students in their campaign goals
  - The total UO goal of ~$100M for graduate students includes all units’ goals
  - The Graduate School’s Campaign Priorities are as follows:

  **Graduate fellowships** ($4M)
  - Merit-based scholarships to recruit and retain students who will compete for national fellowships and awards. Used to supplement departmental GTFs / summer.

  **Promising scholar awards** ($2M)
  - Fund to provide stability and grow this program (number of students and length of support)
Update on Graduate School Activities

Campaign Priorities, continued

**Named Graduate Fellowships** ($5M)
- Comprehensive suite of fellowships that provide significant funding for individual students

**Professional Development & Dissertation completion fellowships** ($1.5M)
- Funds to develop curriculum for teaching, internships, and support dissertation completion with travel support to conferences

**Timely Opportunities Professional Development fund** ($1M)
- Support for travel to conferences and collaborative research with other universities, as well as student-initiated meetings and workshops.
Update on Graduate School Activities

Campaign Priorities, continued

**Fund for Innovation and Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs**  
($500K)  
Funds to seed and help build graduate programs that prepare our students for a broader array of careers

**Faculty in Residence**  
($250K)  
Funds to bring a variety of expertise and interdisciplinary perspectives into the Graduate School, bolster faculty understanding of the Graduate School’s purpose and role, and foster increased collaboration between the Graduate School and academic departments
For Discussion: Focus on Professional Development and Career Preparation

Split into groups. Half of the groups discuss Question #1; half discuss Question #2:

1. Tenure-track positions are becoming exceedingly scarce. How do we address this reality when accepting students into PhD programs at the UO? How do we prepare our students for this reality as they begin their academic career, during their time here, and as they exit?

2. How do we help develop students professionally so their skills are more diverse and they are better equipped to be successful when they leave the university?
Resources

- Graduate School PACE Workshops: [https://gradschool.uoregon.edu/PACE%20Workshops](https://gradschool.uoregon.edu/PACE%20Workshops)
  - Careers Outside Academia