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Graduate Deans' Group
Thursday, March 31, 2011, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Graduate School Conference Room

Attending:

Caula Beyl, Chris Boake, Joy DeSensi (Chair), Tom George, Yvonne Kilpatrick, Tom Ladd, Jan Lee, Catherine Luther, Stefanie Ohnesorg, Masood Parang, Carol Parker, David Dupper for Cynthia Rocha.

The Graduate Deans' Group meeting was called to order by Joy DeSensi, on Thursday, March 31, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. in the Graduate School Conference Room.

1. The minutes of the Graduate Deans' Group meeting from February 10, 2011 were approved.
2. Discussion of GRE New Scoring Scale

Joy DeSensi, Chair of the Graduate Deans' Group, shared Overview and Understanding the New Score Scale of the GRE Better by Design series. The DVD overview told following information:

- The new test will be implemented in August 2011.
- The new test is computer adaptive.
- The verbal reasoning requires more complex reasoning without vocabulary out of context such as analogies and antonyms.
- The quantitative reasoning includes a calculator to eliminate minor calculator errors and so emphasis can be put on data interpretation and real life scenarios.
- The analytical writing will basically be the same with more focused responses to specific questions and less generalization so to assure the essays are written in the testing center and not memorized prior to taking the test.
- Changes to verbal and quantitative reasoning measures require new scales.
- New GRE 130 – 170 grading scale is more simplistic in distinguishing performance difference between the candidates.
- User friendly, fairer questions, and a more flexible test-taking experience.
- GRE will be offering advising and preparation for the test takers.

The GRE Better by Design DVD Series

- Overview
- Understanding the New Score Scale
- A Closer Look at the New Test Content
- Creating Opportunities for Success: Fairness and Access
- Advising Students for Success
- Around the World
- A Good Business Decision

www.ets.org/gre/updates

3. Graduate Fellowships

The Graduate School Fellowship recipients were posted on the Graduate School website on Friday, March 25. Recipients are still being notified via email and official letter with copies to the Directors of Graduate Studies and Department Heads. Some awardees have declined the offers and other applicants will be selected to receive the fellowships. The Graduate School website will be updated to reflect the changes.

4. 2011 – 2012 Department Graduate Student Handbooks

A hard copy of the 2011 – 2012 Department Graduate Student Handbooks are to the Graduate School on August 10, 2011.

5. Other

The Dissertation Workshop cosponsored by the Graduate School and the University Libraries has been rescheduled for May 2. Graduate students still may register.

There is a lot of interest from graduate students in creating a Dissertation Support Group. Joy DeSensi is working with the Graduate Student Senate.

Yvonne Kilpatrick, Interim Director of the Graduate Admissions Office, stated Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) will end the scholarships for Libyan graduate students at the end of this academic year. We have one Libyan student and the Provost is working to find funding for next year.

The Webinar with the Vietnam Education Foundation to help recruit graduate students from Vietnam has been postponed until the next Graduate Deans' Group meeting, August 25, 2011.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gay Henegar
Secretary to Graduate Deans' Group