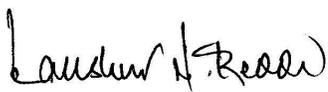


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Message From the Dean

In an effort to engage graduate faculty in review and discussion of UGS strategic priorities, operations, policies and procedures, I have decided to set up an advisory committee comprising of graduate faculty representatives from all colleges involved in graduate education. I intend to have this committee in place in a few weeks and move forward with a discussion of important issues – minimization of forms and other operational issues, impact of GRE test and score changes, strategic development of Professional Science Masters programs, etc. I believe we have many opportunities to excel and play a leading national role in graduate education, and I look forward to initiating dialogue with the UGS Advisory Committee.

Thank you.



News

Information Session on bringing Fulbright students to FIU

On Wednesday August 24, 2011, Deirdre Evans-Pritchard from [AMIDEAST](#) will be visiting FIU to meet with UGS administration and graduate program directors. The purpose of the visit will be to provide information on the [Fulbright Foreign Student Program](#) and to discuss cost-sharing possibilities.

Graduate Record Exam (GRE) Information Session

The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is undergoing a major revision beginning August 2011. This revision involves significant changes to the exam material as well as the scoring. There are several resources that will assist you in understanding the new GRE. UGS will be hosting an information session on Thursday, October 20th at 3:30 and more information can be found on the [ETS website](#) or during an [ETS webinar](#). (Refreshments will be served during the event.)

Graduate Student Grade Forgiveness Policy Discontinued

Graduate students are now ineligible for the grade forgiveness policy beginning the Fall 2011 Semester. More information available on the [UGS website](#).

UGS Support for Enhancement of Research Colloquium/Seminars

The University Graduate School (UGS) will provide small grants during the 2011-2012 AY to PhD-granting units* to enhance their research colloquium/seminar series. The intended purpose of this support is to build intellectual community within academic programs and/or across the University and to enhance opportunities for the scholarly development and training of graduate (particularly doctoral or terminal degree) students. We also hope to facilitate the development of research and educational partnerships within the University.

These funds are intended expressly for 1) the support of a new colloquium/seminar series; 2) expansion of existing colloquium/seminars to include speakers chosen by students or in response to student input; and/or 3) enhancement of existing colloquium/seminars specifically by increasing opportunities for graduate students to interact with visiting scholars. For more information please visit the [UGS website](#).

Electronic Submission of Theses and Dissertations

Beginning spring 2012, all theses and dissertations will be submitted electronically (ETD) through [Digital Commons @ FIU](#). The Digital Commons allows students to review, submit, and assign embargo options to their electronic theses/dissertations.

Additionally, effective spring 2012, microfilming through ProQuest will not be required of dissertations (currently, this policy is in effect). Costs for students will be eliminated. Simply, students create a free account with Digital Commons and submit their ETD.

Additional information and training on the move to the fully ETD process is forthcoming. For ETD-related questions, please contact Philip Bolton Jr., ETD Coordinator, at pcbolton@fiu.edu.

Graduate Events

GPD Fulbright Info Session

Wednesday, August 24, 2011
10:00—11:30 a.m.
GC 314, MMC

Make-Up TA Orientation Sessions

Wednesday, August 24, 2011
6:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.
GL 154, MMC

-or-

Thursday, August 25, 2011
3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
GL 154, MMC

*Students must RSVP via email to:
Leslie Richardson (laricha@fiu.edu)

Graduate Student Social - “Get Connected”

Wednesday, August 24, 2011
6:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.
GC 243, MMC

Graduate Student Academic Panel

Thursday, August 25, 2011
3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
GC 140, MMC

GRE Information Session

Thursday, October 20, 2011
3:30 p.m.

Graduate Open House

Saturday, October 29, 2011
10:00 a.m.—Noon
GC Ballrooms, MMC

Important Deadlines

[GA Employment Agreement Forms due](#) – Friday, August 26, 2011

[GA Alternative Insurance Compliance Forms due](#) – Monday, August 29, 2011

[Dissertation Advisory Status \(DAS\) applications for initial appointments](#) – Friday, September 23, 2011

