During Spring Semester, the University Graduate School contracted the consulting arm of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) to conduct a thorough review of UGS student services and admissions operations. Specific recommendations were sought on how to align UGS services, including recruitment efforts, to support the graduate student enrollment goals for 2015 and beyond. These recommendations from AACRAO form the basis for our five strategic priorities for 2012-13:

1. Development and implementation of a strategic recruitment/enrollment plan
2. Alignment of student financial aid with our strategic enrollment goals and leveraging of our limited fellowship resources with external funding
3. Streamlining of graduate application and admissions processes
4. Coordination of effective communications among all stakeholders in graduate education
5. Synchronization of program assessments with 7-year Board of Governors assessments

I look forward to working closely with your representatives on the Graduate Advisory Committee to move forward with these priorities.

Thank You,

Graduate Faculty Status and Dissertation Advisor Status News
Applications for Graduate Faculty Status, Dissertation Advisor Status (DAS), and DAS Renewal must be submitted to UGS with departmental and college approvals no later than October 15th. In general, please plan to allow your college one to two weeks to process the forms before they are submitted to UGS. The 2012-13 DAS and DAS Renewal forms can be found at: http://gradschool.fiu.edu/GraduateFaculty.html.

Graduate Student Professional Development Events
The Professional Development Program provides graduate students with resources and services to enhance the graduate experience and prepare for post-student careers. Throughout the semester we will be keeping you informed of the latest professional development events. A few events are highlighted in this newsletter, but for a full list of our workshop dates and information, please visit: http://gradschool.fiu.edu/Fall_Events_2012.html.

Graduate Recruitment Events
The UGS Graduate Recruitment calendar has been posted online, so unit representatives can review where our recruitment staff will be headed this fall. If your unit has any recruitment materials that our staff can take with them to these events in order to market your programs, please forward them to Ana Rosado (arosado@fiu.edu) in the UGS office in PC 230. Assistant Dean, Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter, will also be traveling to Honduras, Costa Rica, and the Dominican Republic at the beginning of September to attend several recruitment events. If you would like to coordinate with her or provide her with materials for your programs, please contact UGS.

Graduate Student Receives Prestigious Fellowship
Congratulations to Christin "Cici" Battle on her appointment to the Florida Gubernatorial Fellowship Program. Ms. Battle is a masters student in the Higher Education Administration program within the College of Education, and she was selected for this prestigious program based on her outstanding leadership skills, strong written and oral communication skills, community activism, and her desire to serve the people of Florida.

Important Deadlines
Last Day for International Students to submit applications for Spring 2013
Saturday, September 1, 2012
Cancellation of Incomplete Applications and Revocation of No-Show Applications for Fall 2012
Wednesday, September 5, 2012
(*For more Graduate Admissions deadlines go to: gradschool.fiu.edu/downloads/12-13_Deadlines.pdf)