Message from the Dean

I invite you to visit and comment on the second posting on our blog at http://blog-gradschool.fiu.edu, which shows trends in graduate applications, admissions, enrollment, and degrees awarded, and the countries of origin for our international applications, admissions, and enrollees. The Annual Program Summaries (APS) that we provided to units in the beginning of summer contain this data, specific to each doctoral program, and UGS is planning to provide a similar set of APS to Masters/Specialist programs toward the end of 2012-13.

Please refer to data on your individual programs when developing new strategies to improve your enrollments. In particular, each unit must focus on two questions: i) is the applicant pool adequate in terms of both quantity and quality – is there a need to increase the number of applications or to shift the focus between domestic and international students, and ii) is the yield (enrolled students expressed as a percentage of admitted students) satisfactory – is there a need to revisit our timelines, fellowships offered, etc., to make it attractive and easy for more of the admitted students to join FIU?

The answers to these questions should guide program-specific recruitment efforts. These answers will also be helpful in determining how we ought to spend our limited dollars on international recruitment and how we should package our financial aid.

Thank You,

Fall 2012 ETD Workshops

Electronic Thesis or Dissertation (ETD) workshops explain formatting guidelines, paperwork logistics, and intellectual property issues for students completing a thesis or dissertation. It is best for students to attend such workshops between the submission of the D3-D5 or the M2-M3 forms. Students can register for in-person or online workshops at http://libguides.fiu.edu/etd. For questions, contact the ETD Coordinator, Philip Bolton Jr., at pcbolton@fiu.edu.

Save the Date: University Graduate School Open House

On Saturday, November 10, 2012, the University Graduate School Open House will be held in the Graham Center Ballrooms at MMC. The UGS Open House is considered the largest recruitment event for FIU’s graduate programs and participation of every graduate program is essential to its success. More information will be communicated in the coming weeks.

COE Student Awarded Florida Gubernatorial Fellowship

UGS congratulates 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.

Spring 2012 DEA and DYF Nominations

The University Graduate School is now accepting nominations for the Spring 2013 Doctoral Evidence Acquisition (DEA) Fellowship and the Dissertation Year Fellowship (DYF). The deadline to submit completed hard copy applications to the UGS is Friday, October 5, 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Dudley at 305-348-4711 or dudleym@fiu.edu.

Graduate Faculty Status, DAS, and DAS Renewal Applications

Applications for Graduate Faculty Status, Dissertation Advisor Status (DAS), and DAS Renewals must be submitted to UGS no later than Monday, October 15th, 2012. For more information, please go to http://gradschool.fiu.edu/GraduateFaculty.html.

Graduate Events

Fall 2012 Online Orientation

Online Orientation is available until November 2 for any graduate students who were unable to attend an on-campus session. All students should complete orientation. For more information, visit: http://gradschool.fiu.edu/Fall2012_orientation.html

Graduate Student Workshops

How to Identify Sources to Meet the Course Requirements
Monday, September 24, 2012
4:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
ZEB 330

APA Expectations to the Manuscript/Paper Organization: Elements and Headings
Monday, October 1, 2012
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
ZEB 330

How to Write a 250 Word Summary of a Theory
Monday, October 8, 2012
4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
ZEB 330

Important Deadlines

Last Day to submit supporting documents for Spring 2013 Applicants
Monday, October 1, 2012

(For more Graduate Admissions deadlines, go to: gradschool.fiu.edu/downloads/2013_Deadlines.pdf)