September 13, 2010

1st DGS Meeting

* Introductions were made
* Dr. Betty Lorch requested everyone discuss and offer topics this first meeting that need to be addressed in the following meetings and near future.

Current Issues and Main Concerns

* Residency Credits/Unpaid Internships for field work
	+ 767 vs. 769
* Timing of Awards from Grad Schools
	+ Suggest use of Fall deadlines for awards to currently enrolled graduate students instead of Spring (i.e., Presidential and Dissertation Year Fellowships)
* Application fees
* Online Applications
	+ Graduate School / College need a “One Stop Shop”
	+ Two applications and sites are confusing
	+ DGSs feel some departments are losing students
	+ Procedures do not create good impression of UK
	+ Concern over security of internal departmental applications
* TA Stipends
	+ DGSs feel they are losing students because of the lower funding
	+ Unfunded students in a few depts.?
	+ TA teaching rules and RA tuition waiver
	+ Gillis award vs. KY tuition Scholarships- want more money / alternative funding
* Graduate Recruitment
	+ Jan/Feb is peak recruiting season for everyone
	+ Grad School used to have fall recruitment weekend and discontinued it due to costs
	+ DGSs want to know where the money that they are saving not doing that recruitment is going now
	+ Departmental Recruitment funding has been lowered or remained the same
* Graduate Assessment
	+ The Office of Assessments workshop on these was terrible and nobody seems clear
	+ Have you submitted a graduate learning outcome?
	+ Statement of learning outcome vs. curriculum map (latter not required for graduate programs)
	+ SACs review
	+ Masters vs. Doctorate
	+ Each department’s assessment plan will be different ; will be needed by Oct 15
	+ College will provide guidance on completion of assessment plan

Key Action Items

* Betty to Grad College
	+ Push towards online applications “one stop shop”
	+ Share concerns over losing students because of the fees required in application process and because of the process time
	+ Discuss possibility of changing internal award deadlines
	+ TA stipends
	+ Continue to search for assessment information
* DGSs
	+ Create an plan and implement Assessments and curriculum maps