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