

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Goals for FY2008

Provost's Priorities

- Graduate School Goals FY'08

I. **Develop and institutional culture that reinforces the primacy of the student experience**

- Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Graduate Research Fair! Working with the Undergraduate Symposium for online application/abstract submission and joint Focus insert highlighting student accomplishments– March '08
- Assist the Graduate Student Senate in hosting the first Graduate Student Seminar involving officers of student organizations from the 15 public universities and some private colleges (over 20 universities) – September 29, 2007
- Incorporate safety and security information into the GA and general graduate student orientations – fall and winter orientations
- Implement PeopleAdmin software for online hiring of G.A.'s and doctoral fellows – June '08
- Secure G.A. and Doc Fellow pay increases for FY'09 – March '08
- Expand the website to include: a doctoral student section (Dec. '07) and career services support (April '08)
- Develop and implement a plan to bundle aid offers for prospective students. Feb. '08
- Work collaboratively with University Marketing to improve the visibility of graduate programs – April '08
- Work with the Provost's Office to update Grade Grievance Procedures – April '08

II. **Strengthen research, scholarly and creative activities**

- Increase the number of student presentations at the Graduate Research Fair by 10% -- March '08
- Encourage electronic submission of graduate capstone projects to the library holdings for internet posting as a program marketing tool – fall '07
- Implement electronic submission and processing of human subject protocols for the College of Arts & Sciences – fall '07
- Work with the Faculty Development Center to gather faculty who teach research methods and statistics together to discuss shared efficiencies exploring student and faculty support for research skills – April '08
- Work with the Associate Provost to further the discussion of research themes and interdisciplinary initiatives – April '08

III. **Implement an organizational culture of continuous improvement and planning**

- Work with Marketing to improve the GS website – align functionality with other campus sites – April '08
- Work with Graduate Council on program, continuous improvement through joint participation in program review – April '08

- Recreate graduate program concentrations in Banner to facilitate program flexibility while strengthening program numbers – Dec. '07
- Provide leadership and direction for new niche graduate programs including two new interdisciplinary programs and two new certificate programs – June '08
- Create a visioning process for the Graduate School by facilitating sessions with Graduate Council, graduate coordinators – April '08

IV. Improve instructional and research facilities

V. Support quality faculty and staff

- Implement strategies to assist faculty advisors where appropriate – implementing the work study program of 30 undergraduates to assist faculty/graduate coordinators in the academic departments – fall '07
- Train GS GA's to assist departments with applicant and admitee interaction – fall '07
- Provide training for the fall-online release of Business Objects Enterprise reports with Banner data – Dec. '07

VI. Provide leadership in friend-raising and fundraising

- Seek individual, department/school, and corporate sponsorships for the Graduate Research Fair with a goal of \$10,000 – March '08