Graduate Assembly

November 30, 2017
Webster 203
Overview

- Welcome
- Announcements/Reminders
- Updates on UHM Graduate Education
- Ongoing Initiatives
- Q & A
Announcements/Reminders
Proposed Tax Reform Bill

- Repeal of Section 117(d)(5) would cause tuition reductions (waivers in our case) to be taxable income
- Messages sent to legislative liaisons, Senator Schatz, Congresswoman Gabbard, central administration, graduate chairs, etc.
- “Constituent communication” is critical
- [https://www.chronicle.com/article/Tax-Reform-That-Students/241935](https://www.chronicle.com/article/Tax-Reform-That-Students/241935)
- [https://www.chronicle.com/article/Graduate-Students-Mobilize/241901](https://www.chronicle.com/article/Graduate-Students-Mobilize/241901)
Giving Tree Scholarship Funds

- Historically based allocations
- Tuition revenues shrinking
- Professional schools (LAW, MD, SCB) keeping tuition revenues and distributing scholarships internally
- New programs added
- Significant disparities within & across colleges/schools
- Will need to re-set and re-distribute based on available resources – Projected effect AY 2019-2020
International Fulbright Students

- NRTEs (Non-Resident Tuition Exemptions) will be awarded

- Process for a Fulbright awardee:
  - Request the awardee submit their SIR (Statement of Intent to Register) to Graduate Student Services (GSS)
  - Submit completed petition for NRTE to GSS (petition form is located in CMS under forms)
  - NRTE petition must be submitted PRIOR to the start of the admission term
NRTEs (Non-Resident Tuition Exemptions)

- Process to maximize use of NRTE
- Notify OGE if NRTE recipients are offered GAships
- 1-year awards possible

- WRGP – no longer need to be distinctive
Friendly Reminders

- Program Modifications
  - Memo requesting approval should undergo review and approval by graduate program faculty, college curriculum committee (as appropriate), Deans office, OGE, then OVCAA
  - [http://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/programs-courses](http://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/programs-courses)
Friendly Reminders, cont.

- Annual Doctoral Student Progress Report – DUE by 5/15/18 – can email to oge@hawaii.edu (grade submission deadline)
More Friendly Reminders

- Annually Review Graduate Faculty List
  - Inform OGE of any changes (e.g. retirements, resignations, renewal of affiliate graduate faculty, new hires, etc.)
- Away memo for Graduate Chairs – Summer
- Refrain from sending *departmental* denial and/or dismissal letters to applicants
  (Also refrain from sending acceptance letters prior to receiving a copy of the admission letter)
GA Policy EP5.223, reminder

- Three general types of GA: GA, GRA, GTA
- Consider step advancement
- Notification of reappointments in a timely manner (4/15 for fall, 11/1 for Spring)
  - Provide a letter of offer for new appointments and renewals
- Need protocol for handling sick or emergency absences by GAs (and make it clear to GAs)
Graduate Education Updates
Applications, Showed, & Denial Trends 2015-2017
Enrollment Trends – All classified graduate students
(down 4% from last fall)
Enrollment trends – Masters degrees (down 6%)
Enrollment trends – Doctoral degrees (down 1.6%)
International Graduate Student Enrollment
(down 8% overall, 12% decrease in masters students, 5.7% doctoral)

Enrollment Trend for Selected Group
(Source: ODS)
program update

- 31 agreements signed with 15 UHM programs
- 12 current students, 2 in the UP program (will apply for Sp 18)
- 3 graduated last semester, 2 continued to doctoral programs
NSF GRFP Fellows at UHM

Number of Active Status Fellows

- 2008: 3
- 2009: 4
- 2010: 8
- 2011: 10
- 2012: 11
- 2013: 12
- 2014: 15
- 2015: 18
- 2016: 16
- 2017: 14

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Graduation patterns
Graduate Degrees Awarded 2012-2017

Bar chart showing the number of Master's and Doctoral degrees awarded from 2012-2013 to 2016-2017.
Graduate Tuition Analysis
Graduate Non-Resident Tuition Analysis

- UHM Non-Resident Tuition = $36,768
- Peers Non-Resident Mean Tuition = $23,472

- UHM’s non-resident tuition is $13,296 higher than the average across peer institutions (36% more)
- Benchmarks’ Mean Non-Resident Tuition = $28,147

- UHM’s non-resident tuition is $8,621 higher than the average across benchmark institutions (23% more)
Graduate Resident Tuition Analysis

- UHM Resident Tuition = $15,288
- Peers’ Mean Resident Tuition = $9,747

- UHM’s resident tuition is $5,541 higher than the average across peer institutions (36% more)
- Benchmarks’ Mean Resident Tuition = $12,333

- UHM’s resident tuition is $2,955 higher than the average across benchmark institutions (19% more)
Ongoing Initiatives for Graduate Students

- NGSO – New Graduate Student Orientation
- GPS – Professional Development
- 3 Minute Thesis Competition – 4/28/18
- Soroptomist Founders Region Dissertation Fellowship - 4 awardees @ $10,000
Ongoing Initiatives for Graduate Faculty/Chairs

- Graduate Chair Matters
- New Graduate Chair meetings
- Open House
- Graduate Student Mentoring Task Force
- Graduate Faculty Responsibilities Task Force
What Can You Do To Support Graduate Education?

- Have a start-to-finish program strategy
  - recruitment efforts, program requirements, course availability, graduate data (including student satisfaction and placement)

- Assess faculty mentoring efforts
  - inform graduate students of program requirements, milestones, career pathways
What Can You Do, cont.

- Help set up pipeline of talented students to graduate school
- Consider developing 4+1 programs, 3+2
- Consider wider range of online or hybrid coursework and programming
- Funding opportunities – grant-writing, TA positions
What Can You Do, cont.

▪ Ensure program websites function as a full reference for graduate students
  • up-to-date, informative, and appealing

▪ Ensure highly responsive admissions practices
  • Students’ decisions are heavily impacted by interaction with faculty
Concluding thoughts, comments, questions?

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