Graduate Assembly

April 10, 2018
Overview

- Welcome
- Reminders/Announcements
- Updates on UHM Graduate Education
- Q & A
Friendly Reminders

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

- **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)
  
  - Note: if you want to ‘package’ sub-set of curriculum, use “track” rather than “specialization” or “concentration”
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)
Updated GA Policy EP5.223, reminder

- Articulated the 3 general types of GAs
  - 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)
Announcements
“GRADUATE DIVISION” (again)
3MT (Three Minute Thesis Competition)

Saturday, April 28th in the Business Administration Complex
2:00 – 5:00 pm
Advanced Degree
Institutional Learning Objectives

• Align Program Learning Objectives and Student Learning Objectives with ILOs

• [link](https://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/advanced-degree-institutional-learning-objectives-ilo)

• Faculty group to work on ways to assess the ILOs in Fall term
Giving Tree Scholarship $

- Historically based allocations, yet tuition revenues have decreased
- Must maintain 50-50 split between merit & need
- Professional schools (LAW, MD, SCB) keeping tuition revenues and distributing scholarships internally
- New programs added
- For 2018-2019, most programs’ funds kept “whole”, adjustments made to need-only awards distributed by Financial Aid Office
- Will need to re-set and re-distribute based on available resources – Projected effect AY 2019-2020
GA Unionization

- Senate Bill 2585 seeks to establish a collective bargaining unit for graduate student workers employed by the University of Hawaiʻi
- Currently awaiting hearing by the House Finance Committee
Non-Resident Tuition Exemptions (NRTEs)

- Process to maximize use of NRTE
- Notify Grad Division if NRTE recipients are offered GAships or will not use the NRTE
- Combination of program awarded (up to 4 terms) and Graduate Division awarded (1 term)
- All 100 are currently in use
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 Graduate Division Dean’s Office (petition form is located in CMS under forms)
  - NRTE petition must be submitted PRIOR to the start of the admission term
NGSO – New Graduate Student Orientation

Monday, August 13, 2018
Morning
Graduate Program Maps

See: http://careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps
Graduate Division Updates
program update

- 33 agreements signed with 22 universities
- 11 current students
- Since 2015, 5 graduates, + 3 to graduate in Spring, 3 in summer
- New 3+2 SUMMER UP program to be launched this summer
Scholarships/Awards

- Soroptimist Founders Region Fellowship
  - 4 awardees - $10,000 fellowship to support dissertation research
    - Kora Lechae-Renoket – Political Science
    - Priscila Leal – Applied Linguistics
    - Maura Stephens – Anthropology
    - Lori Wiley – Education

- NEW* Mirikitani Dissertation Award

- Note: Grad Division oversees several UHF Scholarships:
  - Dai Ho Chun, Huang Foundation, Roth-Vegetarian Endowed Foundation, and the RCUH Graduate Fellowship
National Science Foundation

- GRFP (Graduate Research Fellowship Program) Fellows at UHM
  - 23 total
  - 15 on “active status”
  - Disciplines represented include Astronomy, Botany, Ecology, Geology & Geophysics, Linguistics, Marine Biology, NREM, & Zoology
Enrollment Trends
Graduate Applications for Fall 2018

- As of 4/3/18, we are down 37 applications (from 3218 to 3181), but acceptances are up 27 from last year (from 850 to 877).
- Denials by program are down from 862 to 712
- Number “coming” down from 380 to 342
Enrollment Trends – All classified graduate students (spring semesters)
Enrollment trends – All masters degrees (classified student enrollment) (spring)
Masters Degree Enrollment Trends

- **MA** degree enrollment down 2% from last year but down 50% from peak in 2005 (from 746 to 372)

- **MS** degree enrollment down 5% from last year but down 31% from peak in 2011 (from 799 to 549)

- Other Masters degrees (professional) enrollment down 12% from last year and 39% from peak in 2009
Enrollment trends – All doctoral degrees (classified student enrollment) (spring)
Graduation patterns
Degrees Awarded 2012-2017 (source MIRO)
Ongoing Initiatives for Graduate Faculty/Graduate Chairs

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

- **Graduate Recruitment**
  - Website, prospective student engagement, disciplinary network
  - 3+2 (international partnerships)
  - 4+1 (internal bachelors to masters degree pathways)
  - Funding

- **Graduate Retention**
  - Review program requirements, course availability, graduate data
  - Assess faculty mentoring efforts
Concluding thoughts, comments, questions?

Mahalo