1. Welcome/Dean’s News

- The strategic mission of the University is to remain in the emerging research university competition. House Bill 51 constructs a framework of funding that rewards performance by all of the state's public universities, but in particular the seven universities classified by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as "emerging research universities." In addition to UT Arlington, they include Texas Tech University, University of Houston, UNT, UT Dallas, The University of Texas at El Paso and The University of Texas at San Antonio. If Texas voters approve a constitutional referendum this November, approximately $425 million may be allocated to help the designated emerging research universities that meet specified milestones.

- In partnership with the Office of Graduate Studies, the Computer Science & Engineering, Math, and Physics Departments won three Department of Education Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Needs (GAANN) grants totaling more than $1.4 million in need-based doctoral student support. The GAANN program seeks to boost the number of doctoral degrees in critical fields awarded to U.S. citizens and permanent residents from traditionally underrepresented populations. Next year, we hope to increase the number of participating departments in this program.

- Over the next couple of years, the University will increase financial support for Ph.D. and PhD-bound GTAs to help improve the quality of doctoral students and to assist in meeting the goal of producing at least 200 Ph.Ds each year.

- A $1 million commitment from Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. will be matched by the University's natural gas royalties and used to establish an endowment for new graduate research fellowship program to help attract top doctoral students from across the country.

2. Preliminary Fall 2009 Enrollment*

- Total Enrollment up 12%—28,087 (Fall 2009) v. 25,084 (Fall 2008).

*Note: (These are preliminary numbers, but we expect little change in our final enrollment figures.)
Preliminary Fall 2008 v. Fall 2009 Comparative Analysis*

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3. Changes to Graduate Dean Doctoral Fellowships
   - Starting in Fall 2010, all Graduate Dean Doctoral Fellowship recipients must hold unconditional admission status, with the exception of those who are admitted provisionally for or final transcripts or who have an English proficiency requirement. The fellowship memo will go out in late October.

4. Graduate Recruiting
   - New Graduate School website http://grad.uta.edu/
   - Graduate Recruiting Advisory Board (GRAB)
   - OGS will send have representation at the following conferences:
     o SACNAS (Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science)
     o SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers)
     o LSAMP (Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation)
   - Texas Swing http://grad.uta.edu/faculty?page=swing
   - GradFest- Graduate Advisor are encourage to have their prospective and new students attend the round table and panel discussions at GradFest. UT Arlington undergraduates are encouraged to attend the graduate fair. Student registration and additional information is available at http://grad.uta.edu/gradfest.
6. Completion and Retention Update

- For announcements, funding opportunities, workshops, and professional development opportunities, please visit and encourage your students to visit [http://grad.uta.edu/currentStudents](http://grad.uta.edu/currentStudents).
- In August 2009, 250 students participated in a workshop on “Resources for Research” that we developed and conducted in partnership with the Library.
- Currently, most of the workshops are face to face, but OGS is developing online versions so that more students may benefit from them.
- A demo of the **Doctoral Student Progress (DS-PRO)** was conducted. **DS-PRO** provides a standardized progress review mechanisms that allows doctoral students and to set goals in consultation with their graduate advisor. While it does not, and is not designed to replace student/faculty interaction, it is designed to complement the student/faculty interaction by providing a detailed record of progress. Quick start guides are available online for faculty and students at [http://grad.uta.edu/faculty?page=dspro](http://grad.uta.edu/faculty?page=dspro).
- **IRPE Retention Triangles**
  - Characterize retention and degree completion trends in individual doctoral programs.
  - Benchmark these trends against disciplinary norms.
  - Promote a dialog regarding factors contributing to doctoral completion and retention.
- **ACES** (Our keynote speaker for ACES 2010 will be CNN legal analyst, *New Yorker* contributor, and best-selling author Jeffrey Toobin)