1. Welcome/Dean's News

   - New Low Producing Program Review
     - The Coordinating Board has announced, with a 30-day comment period, their plan to raise the conferral requirements to 40 for bachelors, 25 for master’s, and 15 for doctoral programs degrees conferred over a 5 year period.
       - Programs that do not meet this requirement must:
         - Request a temporary exemption
         - Consolidate with similar programs, or
         - Phase out the program
     - The Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) is working with programs that have temporary exceptions to design strategic plans to strengthen recruiting and retention efforts.
     - Dr. Cohen has recommended a delay until 2015 and exceptions for areas that are designated critical fields at the state and/or national levels.

2. Preliminary Spring 2012 Enrollment*

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** Spring 2011 Total Master's includes 205 BS to PhD students who have not yet earned 30 hour of master's coursework or a master's degree.

** Spring 2012 Total Master's includes 246 BS to PhD students who have not yet earned 30 hour of master's coursework or a master's degree.

*These are preliminary Census date enrollment figures. Official figures will be released in March/April.

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3. Recruiting Activities
   - GRE Search Service Subscription (http://gresearch.ets.org)
     - ETS maintains a database of GRE test takers that wish to have their information shared with universities and colleges. OGS has a subscription that departments and programs may use. Users pay .38 cents per individual contact information (an additional charge is available for those who want mailing labels. To request login information or if departments/programs wish to have a tutorial of the service offered administered by ETS, contact Alisa Johnson (alisa@uta.edu or 817-272-0708).
   - Admissions and Financial Assistance Workshops (http://grad.uta.edu/visit)
     - Workshops designed to promote graduate studies and recruit currently enrolled undergraduate students by offering information about the graduate admissions process, financial resources available, and graduate student services.
   - Graduate Forum’s Weeks for 2012
     - March 19-24
     - July 30-August 4
     - November 26- December 1
     - OGS publicizes graduate forums to currently enrolled undergraduates and prospective graduate students that have recently requested information from OGS prior to a graduate forums week.
   - 2012 Lone Star Graduate Diversity Colloquium -- March 30-31, 2012 at UNT
     - Established in 2006 to further the statewide Closing the Gaps Initiative, the colloquium is a collective effort by all colleges and universities in Texas to encourage more underrepresented minorities, women, and first generation college students to stay in Texas and complete their graduate education. Approximately 200 students attend this event each year. New for this year, UNT is hosting a virtual grad fair with the satellite locations. Departments and programs wishing to participate exhibitors or presenters are encouraged to contact Alisa Johnson (alisa@uta.edu or 817-272-0708)
   - GradFest 2012- October 17 (On Campus)
     - Graduate and Professional school event that includes a Graduate and Professional school fair, workshops, alumni and current graduate student led panel discussions, GRE/GMAT test prep sessions, graduate student and faculty mixer.

4. PhD Assessment Plan and Doctoral Program Enhancement Grant (DPEG)
   - Grants for programs that did not meet a significant number of requirements during their PhD assessment were allowed to apply for two-year $7,500 grants—awarded $3,750 each year. These grants are designed to support recruiting and retention efforts and improve
doctoral education. Departments submitted applications in Fall, which included a strategic plan for improvement. OGS reviewed and made awards in early Spring 2012.

5. Dissertation Fellowship

- This is the third year for OGS to offer this summer fellowship. Awards are approximately $6,700 each. This is an opportunity for students that are in the dissertation writing stage of their PhD program to focus solely on their dissertation. Fellowships cover 3 hours of tuition with the remainder to be used as a stipend. Recipients are not allowed to hold outside employment. A call to students, faculty, chairs, and deans will be sent out in the next week, or so. Nominations from the deans’ offices should be submitted by May 7th. 19 awards were awarded in the first year, 25 in the second year, and over 30 will be awarded this year.

6. Brief Announcements and FYIs

- Meningitis Law Updates

  - OGS will continue to work with students that are affected by the new law, for each semester, to encourage them to get vaccinated, retain their documentation, and how and when to submit their documentation. Students may begin submitting their documentation in late March/early April.

  - Graduate Catalog Deadline (March 1, 2012)

    - Notice has been sent to graduate advisors to submit changes.

- IM program and new IM Networks program

  - The I Engage Mentoring Program provides doctoral students an opportunity to gain teaching and mentoring experience by serving as a research mentor to UT Arlington undergraduates. Each doctoral and undergraduate student pair also has a faculty mentor who provides input and guidance as needed. The graduate student mentor-undergraduate mentee pair is self-identified at the time of application to the program and is required to submit a complete application with appropriate faculty approval in order to be considered. For their participation, graduate students receive a $400 stipend, while undergraduates receive a scholarship for 3 semester credit hours of independent study for the term. Emails to students to promote this program have been sent. OGS is looking to expand this program.

7. Q&A

- Discuss issues of importance to the graduate advising community.

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