Graduate Studies Information Exchange

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The topic of the session was Graduate Funding and Strategic uses of the funding you have (as per the funding memo from SGS)

At this point, all funding memos have been sent to each of our graduate programs.

The SGS commitment to provide QGA for all domestic PhD students admitted for 2012-13, is a change from last year’s funding memo.

There was a brief discussion on whether the promise to provide QGA for all domestic PhD students could result in an unbounded number of new admissions. It was pointed out that limitations to the number of domestic PhD students is determined by factors other than QGA support, such as supervisor availability and space capacity, so the probability that PhD admissions will be well over the University quota is negligibly small.

Nevertheless, in cases where departments would like to admit students in numbers significantly higher than their target the Graduate Coordinator should contact their Associate Dean at the SGS.

Starting next month SGS will provide programs with updates on application numbers, reminding programs of the importance of timely offers.

A discussion about the funding spreadsheets was also held. SGS has added additional columns to the spreadsheet this year. SGS understands it is sometimes difficult to gather the information required for the spreadsheets; however, these sheets are used by the SGS to determine and verify the final counts of registered graduate student enrolment and establishing their status on campus.