

Graduate Studies Update

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Welcome Message From VJ

Dear Graduate Students,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this fine institution with many distinctive graduate programs; you have made an excellent choice. The Office of Graduate Studies located in 220 Morris Hall is only a phone call or email away if you need to see me or need answers to any other issues. Our website is the first good resource www.uwlax.edu/graduate

I will be sending you occasional emails on behalf of the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) which represent all of you collectively and you can make GSO what you want it to be. I strongly encourage you to participate in the meetings, events and leadership opportunities. Your pres-

ence and representation in the Student Senate, Graduate Council and Graduate Curriculum Committee, just to name a few, is key to protecting students' interests while preserving academic integrity and excellence of our graduate program. Please feel free to let me or one of GSO Co-Chairs (Michelle Fuentes and Carrie Einck) know about your interest for current or future leadership role you may wish to play.

In conclusion, let me quote from a 2009 publication of the Council of Graduate Schools about your excellent choice for a Master's degree, "Individuals who earn a master's degree gain an edge in today's increasingly competitive global marketplace, they typi-

cally earn more money over the course of their careers than individuals with bachelor's degrees, and they can play a substantial leadership role in the evolving knowledge economy of the 21st century."

You have my very best wishes and I hope to see you become an active part of the GSO.

Vijendra (VJ) Agarwal

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



Top Three Action Steps

1.

Secure long term allocation of existing Academic Initiative revenue for graduate students.

2.

Develop consistent web presence for UW-La Crosse Graduate programs.

3.

Develop a public relations structure for UW-La Crosse graduate studies.

Graduate Student Orientation

On Wednesday, September 1, 2010, the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) and the Office of Graduate Studies hosted the Graduate Student Orientation. Students and faculty representing several of the graduate programs were in attendance. This annual event is intended to familiarize new and returning graduate students, from all programs, with graduate studies at UW-L, the campus, and the services available to graduate students.

This year, Chancellor Joe Gow and Provost Kathleen Enz Finken welcomed our graduate students to the 2010-2011 academic year. They provided their insight on

the importance of graduate studies at UW-L.

Also present was Dr. Larry Ringgenberg, Director of University Centers. Dr. Ringgenberg discussed various campus resources, such as the student ID card and campus dining options. A resource guide for graduate students can be found at: www.uwlax.edu/graduate/gso.htm. Additionally, students in attendance were asked to list future professional development and social opportunities which would be of interest to them. These ideas were discussed at the GSO meeting on Sept. 21, 2010. Possible events include (a) volleyball tournament between programs as a social event, (b) participation in the Ca-

reer Fair on Campus on Oct. 13th and (c) hosting a Graduate Fair in February 2011.

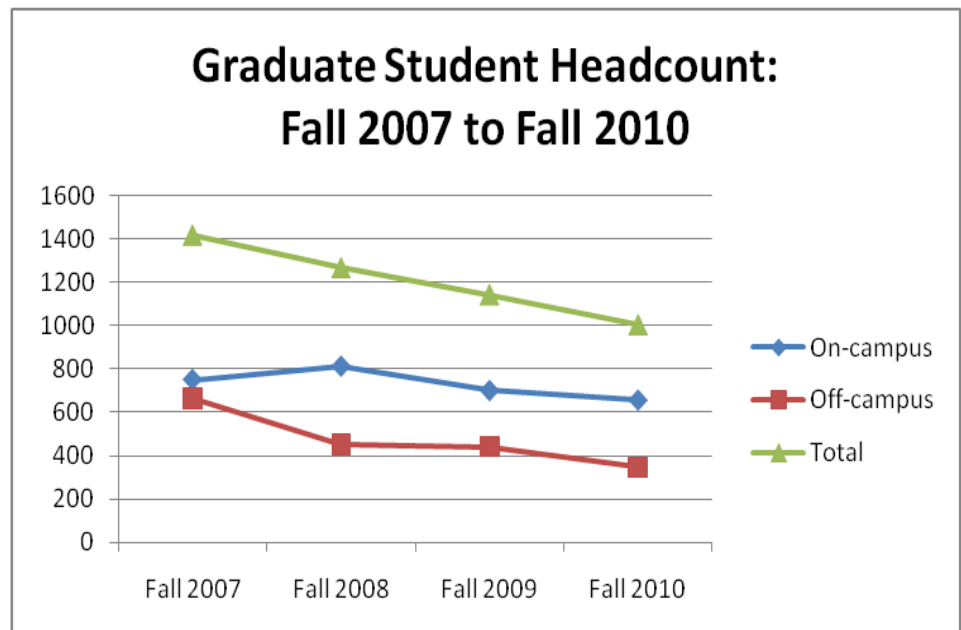
Finally, in an effort to involve students from all graduate programs in GSO event planning, a representative from each program is being sought to serve as a program liaison for the current academic year. If you are interested in taking this leadership role within GSO please email gso@uwlax.edu.

For more information regarding GSO please contact Carrie Einck or Michelle Fuentes, GSO Co-Chairs.

*Contributed by Michelle Fuentes,
GSO Co-Chair*

Graduate Enrollment Trends

Graduate student enrollment has shown a decline in the past four years from about 1400 total students in the fall of 2007 to about 1000 students currently.



Data Obtained From: <http://www.uwlax.edu/provost/universitydata/universitydata.htm>.

Theses and Culminating Project Reports Completed between Jan.-Aug. 2010

Congratulations to the following students who completed their theses and/or culminating project reports.

College of Science and Health

Student	Committee Chair
Amy Kaphingst	Carl Foster
Andrew Jagim	Glenn Wright
Andrew Pustina	Glenn Wright
Awoyinka Oluwafadekemi	Jennifer Miskowski
Chad Johnson	John Porcari
David Steenstra	John Porcari
Elizabeth Jeanes	Carl Foster
Jacob Cohen	John Porcari
Jeffrey Boeke	Jeff Steffen
Jerica Kreitinger	Carl Foster
Jessica Gehrke	Carl Foster
Jill Gander	Michael Hoffman
Jillian Thompson	Mark Gibson
Jordan Holthusen	John Porcari
Joshua Wilson	John Porcari
Kacie O'Brien	Carl Foster
Margaret Burrows	Manny Felix
Meagan Herlache	Gary Gilmore
Meghan O'Donnell	Gary Gilmore
Meghan Sandve	John Porcari
Nathan Susnik	Scott Cooper
Pamela Mukaire	Robert Jecklin
Peter Fitschen	Margaret Maher
Rulla Sika	Carl Foster
Ryan Katona	Roger Haro
Sarah Horlitz	John Porcari
Sophia Minutolo	Jeff Steffen
Stephanie Tepper	John Porcari
Tanya Shull	Garth Tymeson
Tim Bushman	Carl Foster
Tyler Zastava	Dan Duquette
Vishikha Goil	Steve Callister

College of Liberal Studies

Student	Committee Chair
Alex Brown	Larry Ringgenberg
Alissa Anderson	Robert Dixon
Chelsea McColley	Jocelyn Newton
Daryl Lawrence	Nick Nicklaus
David Lemon	Mary Vahala
Jessica (Phillips) Rice	Robert Dixon
Lindsey Anderson	Jocelyn Newton
Lisa Tlougan	Jocelyn Newton
Nicole Kledehn	Betty DeBoer
Ree Nae Green	Gary Willhite
Rich Bettini	Gary Willhite
Sara Byrne	Robert Dixon
Steven Miller	Robert Krajewski
Tara Schmitz	Robert Krajewski
Teri Passow	Chris Bakkum



All theses and culminating project reports are now submitted to the library electronically and are accessible at:

<http://minds.wisconsin.edu/>

Did You Know...

- 32 Research, Service and Educational Leadership (RSEL) grants totaling approximately \$34,000 were awarded in the 2009-10 academic year.
- You can now apply for up to \$2000 in RSEL grants
- 41 Professional Travel grants totaling approximately \$5,400 were awarded in the 2009-10 academic year.

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Don't Forget These Important Dates!

- Oct. 15—RSEL grant proposals due (fall)
- Nov. 19—RSEL final reports due (previous grants)
- Dec. 3—Theses due (May commencement)
- Dec. 10—Professional Travel fund applications due
- Dec. 19—Commencement
- Feb. 11— RSEL grant proposals due (spring)
- Mar. 11 & May 13—Professional Travel fund applications due (spring)