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DIRECTOR'S MINI-CORNER

Thanks to all of you who attended the Graduate Student Reception on October 4. I was very pleased to have so many of you come, including most of our new students. We will have another get-together this spring, probably in connection with our spring seminar speaker. More details later.

Since the Graduate Faculty made some important policy changes in the meeting prior to the reception, we are publishing this special edition of the Newsletter. The next regular issue of the Newsletter will appear around December 1. Please forward your news by mid-November.

I wish to extend a special "welcome" to all of our new students this semester:

<u>M.A.</u>	<u>Ph.D.</u>
Nita Adams	Tracy Banks
Jennifer Armendarez	Gina Boling
Diane Dooley	Debbie Boney
Gaelle Picherit	Karen Bonnell
Dorothy Porter	Judith Bussey
Gina Wesley	Autumn Grubb-Swetnam
	Dan Jackson
	Freda Lewis
	Sally Vogl
	Ruth Wagoner
	Greg Widener

Thanks for joining us!

The Graduate Faculty approved by majority vote the following changes in Graduate Program Policies:

CLASS SIZE POLICY

"Graduate courses will be limited to 12 students per section at the 700-level and to 15 students per section at the 600-level, with instructors permitted to override at their discretion."

This policy will be effective spring semester. With this change, it is very important that you register early. If you delay registration, you may find your class closed. If the class is closed, you will need to get an override from the instructor. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that instructors will be able to interact one-on-one with students and to work more closely with them in their research. During the discussion of the policy, several faculty members expressed concern that graduate seminars sometimes have such large enrollments that it is difficult to conduct them as seminars. These caps on enrollment should prove beneficial for both students and faculty.



SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

"The **Scholarship and Awards Committee** will consist of three members annually elected each fall by the graduate faculty and full-time currently-enrolled Ph.D. students. Each ballot will include votes for three committee members. The election will be conducted from a slate, consisting of all members of the graduate faculty, by blind ballot. The ballots will be counted by the staff assistant to the Director of Graduate Studies and one other staff person. The chair of the **Scholarship and Awards Committee** will be the person receiving the highest number of votes."

This is a new committee created by the faculty to advise the Director of Graduate Studies about nominations for various scholarships and fellowships, including those offered by the Graduate School in university-wide competition. A ballot will be distributed in the next few weeks for electing committee members. If you are a full-time Ph.D. student who is currently enrolled, you are eligible to vote. (Faculty members will vote as well.) Please return your ballot by the specified deadline. Your vote is important!

GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the policy is to provide travel funds to graduate students who present high quality scholarly research at professional meetings.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for funding, graduate students must be enrolled part- or full-time and must not be on academic probation. Graduate students should apply for funding upon receiving written notification of paper acceptance.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Within the budget restrictions of a given year, travel money will be allocated with regard to the following priorities and considerations:

1. Competitively selected papers will be funded at higher levels than invited papers.
2. Priority will be given to papers presented at the yearly national or international meetings of **AEJMC, BEA, ICA, and SCA.**
3. Funds are allocated on a per-conference basis. The amount allocated per conference will be the same whether the paper is single authored or multiple-authored.
4. It is the intent of the policy to provide some funding, whenever possible, to any graduate student presenting a scholarly paper.
5. Funding amounts will be reduced when the College provides transportation to the site of the meeting.

GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL POLICY (Continued):**FUNDING AMOUNTS**

The Dean will allocate travel funds as follows:

<u>Type of Student-Authored Paper</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Competitively selected (AEJMC, BEA, ICA, SCA)	\$200
a. If transportation provided by College	\$150
2. Competitively selected (regional or other meeting)	\$150
a. If transportation provided	\$100
3. Other student papers or presentations	\$100

This is a new policy that was adopted to replace the previous policy that proved too unwieldy and confusing. Please note that **all Graduate Students are eligible each year for up to \$250 in support from the Graduate School in addition to this support from the College.** The application forms for each type of support are different. You can pick up both forms from the DGS office. I want to thank Dean Boyd for providing this support. Dean Boyd has indicated that he will attempt to provide a van for transportation to major conferences whenever there is sufficient graduate student interest and when funds are available. A dozen students, for example, will be riding a van to the annual Speech Communication Association Conference in Atlanta later this month.