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DIRECTOR'S
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I am pleased to announce that Dr. Nancy Jean Reynolds has joined our Graduate Faculty as a new Associate Member. Dr. Reynolds, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Communications, completed both an M.A. in Journalism and a Ph.D. in Mass Communication from my alma mater, the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has already presented several papers at professional associations, including the International Communication Association. As an Associate Member, Dr. Reynolds can teach graduate courses, supervise M.A. theses, serve on doctoral committees and co-direct doctoral research with a regular member of the Graduate Faculty.

Welcome aboard, Dr. Reynolds.

As you probably know, all three of the appointed graduate faculty committees have been very active this year, especially the Program Committee. During the spring semester, this committee, which consists of Dr. Haeryon Kim, Dr. James Applegate, Dr. Vincent Waldron, Ms. Marilyn Hunt (as the graduate student representative) and myself (as chair), will review the entire graduate curriculum and make any recommendations for changes to the full Graduate Faculty for consideration. These revisions would then have to be approved by the University Senate and the Graduate Council. Some of these recommendations are expected to be presented to the Graduate Faculty at its spring meeting on Tuesday, January 14. If you have suggestions, please forward them to me, and I will share them with the Program Committee. You should also feel free to let your representative, Ms. Hunt, know your opinions.

One change that was recently approved by the faculty and which is now being considered by the Graduate Council is to restrict all graduate level communication courses to students having graduate standing in communications or consent of instructor. The intent of this policy is to ensure that students from other graduate programs and post-baccalaureate students have adequate preparation before entering our graduate courses, especially 700-level classes.

The Program Committee will be making the Fall 1992 schedule early next semester. Please let me or Marilyn Hunt know your preferences and needs as soon as possible. We have no formal mechanism yet for polling students, but we are always interested in feedback from you.

Finally, you may be interested in some of the statistics of our graduate program. Since October 14, we have answered 314 phone and mail inquiries about the program, the largest number in some time. Our overall acceptance rate for the M.A. program is now approximately 40% and 40% for the Ph.D. program, which means that our admission process is very competitive. If you know prospective students, please have them contact me.

Good luck on your final exams and papers. Happy holidays and have a nice break! See you next year.

Roy L. Moore



SURVIVAL TIPS

1. Copies of the syllabi for most of our graduate courses are available from the DGS office. If you want to know more about a particular course before you register, you should talk with the instructor and review the syllabus.
2. Most graduate students still do not realize that they may elect to repeat one graduate course during their study and count only the second grade as part of the grade point average. To do this, you must obtain a "Repeat Option Form" from the Graduate School and obtain approval from the DGS. The request is then filed with the Graduate School. It should be made before the second course is repeated but it must be filed no later than the last day of scheduled classes in the semester in which the repeat option is exercised.
3. After they are officially approved, minutes of all Graduate Committees are now being posted on the Graduate Bulletin Board on the second floor of the Grehan Building, and they are being sent to all graduate students and faculty via E-mail. If you do not have E-mail access, please see Esther Edwards in the DGS office to set up a free account. If you have a computer and modem at home, you can even read your E-mail there. E-mail is the fastest and most efficient way of getting announcements from the DGS office. You can even get university news, weather and other useful information via the UK system.
4. Want to avoid long registration lines? Register in the DGS office. You must have your advisor's signature, but the process takes only a minute or so. The office is closed from Noon to 1:00 p.m. and closes for the day at 4:30 p.m.
5. Since graduate courses in communication are now limited to a maximum of 15 students in 600-level courses and 12 students in 700-level courses, you should register as early as possible. Two courses, for example, are already closed for next semester and one course had to be cancelled because of low enrollment.
6. The deadline for teaching assistantship and fellowship applications for 1992-93 will be March 1, 1991. A fellowship application packet, which will be available around mid-February, contains complete information.
7. Don't forget that, as a graduate student, you can join various professional associations such as the International Communication Association, the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, the Speech Communication Association and the Society of Professional Journalists at substantially reduced rates that include all the usual benefits such as association journals. Forms are available from the DGS office.
8. The second edition of Successful Dissertations and Theses by David Madsen is now out. This excellent guide to graduate student research from proposal to completion is published by Jossey-Bass at \$14.95. See the DGS for details on how to order or check the library for a copy.
9. New versions of the popular M.A. and Ph.D. flowsheets are now available from the DGS office. This is an easy-to-read visual guide to all the "hoops" (requirements) for successful completion of the degree.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teaching Excellence Awards

Nominations for the Excellence Award in Undergraduate Education must be returned by **December 20, 1991** to: Judith Pittenger, Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, 405 Patterson Office Tower 0027.

Nominations should be in the form of a two-page (double-spaced) summary indicating the problem being addressed; the nature of the activity, the participating individuals, the students served, and the results which have been attained or which are anticipated.

For more information, call 257-5448

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**FACULTY FOR THE FUTURE
UK/UL**

Teaching/Research Fellowship Program

In order to provide for a more diversified faculty on their respective campuses, the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky have entered into an interinstitutional agreement to establish a jointly sponsored and funded fellowship program for African Americans to prepare future faculty for potential employment at their Home Institution. Recipients of these fellowships will be supported financially by both universities during their program of doctoral studies at the University of Louisville or at the University of Kentucky. Fellowship recipients who are graduates of the University of Louisville will pursue doctoral studies at the University of Kentucky, and graduates of the University of Kentucky at the University of Louisville.

Faculty for the Future (Continued):

Number of Awards:

Each university will make available three fellowships, to be awarded competitively, for fulltime study during 1992-93. Awards may be renewed in subsequent years, depending on good academic standing and satisfactory progress toward the doctorate.

Stipend:

Academic-year fellowship awards (nine months), will vary in amount of stipend, according to competitive stipend levels within the discipline. Stipends will range from \$12,000 to \$18,000, plus tuition. Fellowship recipients will be expected to undertake instructional duties not to exceed the equivalent of 10 hours per week or the concomitant equivalent of supervised research activities. Recipients may accept additional institutional support from other sources during the summer months; however, institutional awards of other Teaching or Research Assistantships to fellowship holders are not permitted during the regular academic year.

Qualifications:

Candidates for these teaching/research fellowships must meet the following qualifications:

*Hold a bachelor's (awarded before the start of the Fall 1992 Semester) or master's degree from the Home Institution (UL or UK), and

*Meet all requirements for admission to a doctoral program at the Host Institution (UL or UK).

Deadline for Applications: February 1, 1992.

Please see the DGS for more information.

