Graduate School
2018 Fall Update with the President and Provost
Progress/accomplishments

• Completion of Graduate Student Collaborative Space on 3rd Floor of Eisenhower
  – Three new rooms completed: Second lounge and two small office spaces
  – Room 121 available as open study space when not scheduled for meetings/presentations
Spaces new in Fall 2018
Progress/accomplishments

• Enhanced Operational Effectiveness
  – Decisions (electronic forms with electronic signatures) development with implementation October 2018
  – Continued increasing use of Prospect for recruitment communication

• Continued Academic, Professional and Personal Development Opportunities for Graduate Students
  – GSC Professional Development seminars/workshops (Average 20/year)
  – GSC research forums and Three Minute Thesis competition
  – Kansas Science Communication Initiative workshops
  – Leadership Development Program in partnership with Leadership Studies
  – Graduate Student Writing Workshop in partnership with Writing Center
  – Small Grant Program for Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Progress/accomplishments

• Increased Graduate School Ambassadors’ Engagement in Recruitment
  – Responded to emails from prospective students
  – Provided campus tours to prospective students (41 FY 18 and 45 FY 19 to date)

• Continued Enhancing Alumni Relations and Fundraising
  – Quarterly e-newsletter
  – Alumni visits on and off campus
  – Alumni Reunion in Philippines in collaboration with Alumni Association
  – FY Contribution toward $1 million goal in Capital Campaign
    • 100% goal attained ($1,039,399 end FY 18)
    • 76% endowed
    • Largest gift in campaign to support targeted scholarship program
Key metrics

• Completed Applications Processed
  – Masters 1,276 (962 Domestic and 314 international)
  – Doctoral  787 (299 Domestic and 488 international)

• Degree analyst processed more than 8000 documents

• Degrees and certificates awarded for FY 18
  – Doctoral  176  (-12 compared FY 17)
  – Master’s  1,076 (+27 compared FY 17)
  – Certificates  201 (+30 compared FY 17)
Key metrics

- Participation in professional development seminars and research events
  - 297 graduate students and post-docs attended at least one of the seminars
  - 50 graduate students awarded GSC Professional Development Certificates
  - 59 graduate students presented at Research and State
  - 85 graduate students presented at K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum
New programs approved

- Graduate Degree
  - M.S. Data Analytics
- Graduate Certificates
  - Unmanned Aircraft Systems-Information Assurance
  - Agricultural Biosecurity Research
- Concurrent Bachelor and Master’s Degrees
  - B.S. and M.S. Statistics
  - B.A./B.S. and M.A. in Sociology
  - B.S. Computer Science and M.B.A.
Top priorities moving forward

- Implement Strategic Enrollment Management recommendations with goal of increasing enrollment and retention
- Advocate for tuition support for graduate research assistants
- Advocate for increase in minimum stipend for all graduate assistants
- Implement parental leave policy
- Implement Decisions (electronic forms with electronic signatures)
- Increase use of Prospect for communication with prospective and admitted students by Graduate School and graduate programs
Top priorities moving forward

- Continue to provide quality services and professional development opportunities for graduate students
- Continue to advocate for the general well being of graduate students
- Continue to support diversity and inclusion initiatives at K-State and work with programs to increase diversity among graduate students
- Explore how to implement recommendations of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine in Consensus Report, “STEM Education for 21st Century”
- Completion of the Council of Graduate School’s Alumni Survey for Pathway to Ph.D. Project as Affiliate Partner
Major challenges

• Limited financial resources
  – Marketing strategies identified by SEM
  – Enhanced web design for Graduate School and graduate programs
  – Travel funds to support graduate student travel
  – Competitive stipends (university wide)
  – Alumni engagement and communication

• Lack of commitment and support for graduate program administration
  – Engagement in recruitment
  – Annual review of graduate student progress
  – Timely completion of program reviews

• Technology Infrastructure
  – Access to data for reporting and decision making
  – Efficiency of systems including KSIS and Perceptive Content
Major challenges

• Human Resource Capacity to Meet Increasing Expectations
• Faculty Engagement and Commitment
  – Knowledge of Graduate School’s policies and procedures and/or failure to communicate these with their students
  – Quality of mentoring
  – Participation in annual review of graduate student progress
  – Support of graduate student engagement in professional development opportunities
  – Alumni engagement and communication