



# GPS News

Office of the Dean of Graduate & Professional Studies

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## STEPPING UP...GRADUATE RECRUITMENT

Recruitment efforts have kept our office busy these past few months. In early March, several staff members from the Office of the Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies, along with Dean Bear & Dr. Casey from NSM attended the Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT) recruiting fair in Mexico City. Over 1,000 Mexican students attended the event. UH has visited CONACYT over the last five years and this has shown to be a very successful tool in recruiting exceptional students into our graduate programs.

In April, representatives from the Office of the Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies, the College of Optometry, the Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management, and the College of Natural Sciences and Math attended the first annual Lone Star Diversity Forum for Graduate Students held on the campus of Texas A&M in College Station, TX. The purpose of this event was to provide information on graduate educational opportunities within the state of Texas. Although the forum was geared primarily to the minority population, all students interested in graduate studies were encouraged to attend. The main goal of the forum was to provide information to help motivate the best undergraduate students to remain in Texas for graduate study programs, rather than having them attend universities in other states.

More than 200 undergraduates, some of whom hope to begin a graduate program in 2006, attended the event; others were considering their options for graduate studies in 2007 or beyond. These students asked great questions, and many were quite interested in UH and a variety of graduate programs (ranging from Law to Computer Science, Business, Psychology, Engineering, and the Sciences). Our office is planning to attend the Lone Star Diversity Forum next year to continue recruiting prospective students.

Please note that our Web site contains a wealth of resources to help your offices regarding recruitment including graduate and professional policy issues, forms, and documents placed online specifically for your use. Please visit [www.uh.edu/gs/faculty\\_staff.htm](http://www.uh.edu/gs/faculty_staff.htm) for more information. In addition, graduate brochures containing general UH graduate program information are available for those attending recruitment fairs. Please contact Brenda Robles at [brobles2@uh.edu](mailto:brobles2@uh.edu) for your request.

## GPSC WEB SITE...UPDATES

### **Profiles**

Our office is looking to interview interesting graduate and professional students and faculty to highlight on our Web site. This is a great way to publicize high-caliber students, faculty, programs, and current research. Our office will handle the details of writing the profiles and setting up a photo shoot if needed. Profiles run for approximately six weeks on the home page of the Graduate & Professional Studies Web site. Please view our current profile on Harold Bedell at ([www.uh.edu/gs](http://www.uh.edu/gs)). If you have recommendations regarding students or faculty that would be good for our efforts, please contact Kara Brittain at [kbrittain@uh.edu](mailto:kbrittain@uh.edu).

### **Graduate Catalog**

We are starting to revise the 2006-2007 Graduate Catalog. If your college or department has not turned in revisions, we ask that you please encourage your staff to complete their revisions as soon as possible. This allows our office to make necessary changes, confirm all corrections, and update the official Web site prior to the new academic year. Direct questions to Kara Brittain at [kbrittain@uh.edu](mailto:kbrittain@uh.edu). In addition, we wish to thank those who have already submitted revisions.

POLICIES APPROVED BY GPSC AND  
THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The following policies were approved by both GPSC and the Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies during the first half of the 2005-2006 academic year. For more information regarding these and other GPSC policies under review, please visit our Web site at [www.uh.edu/gs/faculty\\_staff.htm](http://www.uh.edu/gs/faculty_staff.htm) or contact Margaret Watson at [mwatson@uh.edu](mailto:mwatson@uh.edu).

- Non-transcripted certificate program in Materials Science.
- Proposed M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Atmospheric Sciences.
- Proposal from Architecture to offer a Master of Arts in Architectural Studies.
- Various curricular changes in the Bauer College of Business.
- The six-year rule for the Pharm.D. degree, College of Pharmacy.
- Certificate Program in Materials Science- Non-Transcripted.
- Request that Council review policies relating to OPT.
- Request that Council review the Policy on Religious Holy Days.
- Proposed Revisions to the GPSC Grievance Policy.
- Termination of the Master of Fine Arts degree (Studio Art – Interior Design - MFA-SAIN) (*pending by Dean Mariotto*).
- Proposed Master of Studies of Law degree (MSL) at UHCL (*pending by Dean Mariotto*).

\*All CBM003 course(s) received final approval by GPSC and by Dean Mariotto.

*Are you aware...*

- All services available through the **University VIP phone system** will cease as of midnight, November 9, 2006. All students are encouraged to use the Enrollment Services Online ([www.uh.edu/enroll/](http://www.uh.edu/enroll/)) for all VIP and web services such as admissions, registrar, financial aid, and the bursar's office.
- Look for a new version of the **KI Guide** this fall as we will no longer be printing the actual guide. Instead, a quick reference guide will be distributed. The focus of the redesign is to lead students to the Graduate & Professional Studies Web site.
- The Board of Regents has approved a new **Policy on Admissions Criteria**. Please visit [www.uh.edu/gs/gps\\_policy.htm](http://www.uh.edu/gs/gps_policy.htm) for more information.
- UH **Graduate brochures** containing general graduate program information are available for recruitment purposes. If you would like a few to keep on hand, please contact Brenda Robles at [brobles2@uh.edu](mailto:brobles2@uh.edu) for your request.
- **Colleges may grant approval** for students in their final semester to work and receive a pro-rated GATF for reduced course load.
- Beginning this fall, all **students pursuing a Ph.D. after the completion of a Bachelor's degree** (without an earned master's) will be entered into the ADMIN system with a doctoral degree objective.
- **SACS accreditation** is scheduled to occur in 2008.

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