



April 2024
Graduate
Faculty Meeting

- April 9 @ 11:30





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Agenda

- Overall Picture
- Admissions and Recruiting Updates
- Course Repeat/Grade Forgiveness Policy
- Graduate Assistantships
- Thesis/Dissertation Deadlines
- Petitions

Overall Picture

- **Graduate enrollments are up compared with AY22-23.**
 - Overall increase in spring-to-spring enrollments of 5.5%.
 - New student headcount is up 21.8%.
 - Keypath partnership is driving some of this increase.
 - But there is also an increase in non-Keypath, non-CSU Global.
- **Program suspensions**
 - We have seen a few already at CSU and expect to see more.
 - Part of a broader trend across the state.
 - Moving forward, this needs to be part of a regular enrollment management process.

Admissions – Admissions Decisions

Students for Fair Admissions Inc. v. President & Fellows of Harvard College

- Race may not be used in an way to determine an admissions decision.
- Ohio Attorney General David Yost stated that university employees who consider race in admissions decisions may be held personally liable for damages in a lawsuit if they are found liable.
- Move away from essays with any general views on diversity and tie it closer to program accreditation.
- Make sure to use race neutral language such as “different patient populations” when necessary.



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Admissions

Graduate Networking Social – Save the date

- May 1st from 4:30 – 7:00.
- Representatives should arrive no later than 4:15.
- To be held in the student center courtyard, weather permitting.

Admissions – Financial Aid and Scholarships

Students for Fair Admissions Inc. v. President & Fellows of Harvard College

- While not explicitly stated in the ruling, the State of Ohio is taking the position that this extends to Scholarships and Financial Aid Awards.
- Race may not be used in any way to determine the award of Graduate Assistantships, Scholarships, or internal grants.
- Questions regarding awards should be directed to The Graduate College.

Course Repeat/Grade Forgiveness

- **New policy goes into effect Fall 2024**
- **Students may repeat up to 2 graduate courses, 2 times each.**
 - New grade replaces the original grade (even if it is lower) in GPA calculation.
 - Original grade stays on the transcript with the note “Course Repeated, Attempt Forgiven.”
- **Students can repeat a course w/o limit on the original grade.**
 - Only applies to courses where a letter grade can be earned.
- **Does not apply to courses repeated prior to Fall 2024.**

GA Contracts – health insurance

- Graduate Assistant contracts for doctoral students on a full-time contract (20 hours per week of work) with tuition must also include 70% of the cost of single coverage in cases where students have student health insurance through the university.
- When the contract is fully funded by department/college GA allocation dollars, the cost associated with health insurance coverage will be covered by the College of Graduate Studies using GA allocation dollars set aside by the Graduate Dean.
- The PI is responsible for covering the cost of health insurance for students funded on grant dollars for any future grants, starting with applications dated on or after April 1, 2024. Grants received or applied for prior to this deadline are grandfathered in and the health insurance cost will be covered by the College of Graduate Studies. GAs funded on grants that do not allow for coverage of health insurance will be covered by the College of Graduate Studies.

GA Contracts – enrollment requirements

- GAs with tuition coverage must enroll in 9 CH if they work 15-20 hours per week.
- GAs without tuition and those with tuition coverage working 10 hours per week must enroll in 6 CH.
- **NEW for FALL 2024**
 - Doctoral students who have passed into candidacy may receive a GA contract while enrolled in at least 1 CH of dissertation coursework if they have completed all other degree requirements
 - The doctoral limitation of 18 GA contracts remains in effect.
 - Example: a Ph.D. student who has completed 54 (out of 60) CH may receive a contract for Fall while enrolled in at least 6 CH and in spring if enrolled in at least 1 CH.

Thesis/Dissertation Deadlines

- Students must defend their thesis/dissertation by the end of the 10th week of the semester in fall and spring (end of the 7th week for summer semester).
- The final document must be submitted to the College of Graduate Studies for format review by the end of the 13th week of the semester in fall and spring (10th week of summer semester).
- Exemptions from these deadlines may be granted by the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies in cases where the student's defense is delayed for unexpected reasons outside the student's control.

Petitions

- Graduate Studies will not be accepting early readmission petitions for Summer 2024 for students dismissed following Spring 2024.
- An exemption may be considered for unique circumstances such as a 2.99 CGPA and only one course that is offered during the summer term is required for completion.

Accelerated Master's Programs

- **Programs may not exceed the approved number of double-counted credits for students in accelerated master's (a.k.a. 4+1) programs.**
 - If your program is approved for 9 credit hours of double-counting and you have 4 credit hour courses, your students will only double-count 8 credit hours.
 - We will not count partial courses.
- **Starting Fall 2024, accelerated master's programs may not double-count more than 9 credit hours of graduate coursework.**
 - Applies to students admitted to these programs starting in fall.



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Questions

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