From the Dean

Welcome back to the 2010-2011 academic year. The summer has been an extremely productive time for the staff members in the Graduate School and Distance Education area. We hope that the work we have started helps the efficiency and effectiveness of all graduate programs at Emporia State University. To highlight some areas that have been enhanced:

- New BuzzIn tab for Graduate Students - all graduate students and faculty have access to this tab. It contains information related to graduate programs and research and grants.

- Graduate Facebook fan page - this page is used to promote activities, events, and opportunities related to any graduate experience. If your department has an upcoming special event or if your students have received any special recognition, please let the graduate school know and we will post it on the Facebook page.

- Redesigned webpage - thanks to assistance from our new webmaster and input from departments, we have attempted to make both the graduate, distance and research websites more user friendly. We welcome any suggestions to help improve the websites related to these areas.

- A single, one-day combined research day for faculty, undergraduates and graduates. We hope combining the Research & Creativity Forum and the undergraduate research day into one main event will bring more attention to the excellent research and scholarly activities that are created by students and faculty at Emporia State University.

Finally, I have had the opportunity to have informal talks with faculty in all graduate programs. I have been amazed at the work being done and the quality of the graduate students on this campus. We need to make sure the programmatic excellence and graduate student quality is recognized.

If the Graduate School and Distance Education and Research & Grants Center can help in any way, please let us know.

Kathy Ermler, Dean
Graduate School and Distance Education

Proposals due for Faculty Research & Creativity Committee

Grant proposals for the ESU Faculty Research and Creativity Committee must be submitted to the Research and Grants Center by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, December 2. This grant program is intended to facilitate research, scholarly and artistic productivity by faculty, and provides seed money for projects that have potential for external funding.

The 2010-2011 grant program guidelines will be posted to our web site and announced on Buzz In within the next few weeks, so please watch for that announcement.

The following links are intended to serve as resource tools for those who may be considering submitting a proposal.

http://www.emporia.edu/research/FRCCgrantawards.htm - contains a list of grants previously awarded by the committee.

www.emporia.edu/research/documents/FAQs.pdf - contains a list of frequently asked questions about the grant program.

You are encouraged to contact a member of the Faculty Research and Creativity Committee if you have questions. A list of members is included on page 2.

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New guidelines for Student Research Grants

The Research and Grants Center has implemented a few policy changes for applications for both undergraduate and graduate Student Research Grants. **Beginning this academic year there will be two deadlines: October 15 and March 1.** Requests received after October 15 will be considered for the March 1 cycle. No requests will be considered after March 1. Students are no longer required to submit the research for publication or presentation; however, if the research is accepted for publication, we ask that the student submit a copy of the submission to the Research and Grants Center. Although collaborative research projects will still be supported, only one grant request may be submitted for the project - we will no longer consider individual requests as part of a collaborative project. The complete guidelines and application form are available on our web site at [www.emporia.edu/research/facstusupport.htm](http://www.emporia.edu/research/facstusupport.htm). Please contact Pam Fillmore in the Research and Grants Center if you have questions.

Proposal Incentive Awards

Faculty who submit external competitive grant proposals are eligible to receive a financial incentive award for their efforts. This program is a joint effort between the President’s Office and the Research and Grants Center. Eligibility guidelines and information on stipend amounts are available at [www.emporia.edu/research/Incentiveprogram.htm](http://www.emporia.edu/research/Incentiveprogram.htm).

In FY 2010, the first year for the program, eighteen proposals were eligible for the stipend and a total of $21,250 was awarded to faculty submitting grant proposals. Faculty receiving stipends from March – June, 2010 were:

- $500 to DeWayne Backhus, Physical Sciences, “K-8 Space Science Education Workshop,” Kansas Space Grant Consortium.
- $500 to Darla Mallein, Social Sciences, “Using the Multiple Intelligences to Teach Primary Sources,” Illinois State University.
- $2,000 to Matt Seimears, EC/ETE, “STEM Experiences for All (SEFA),” National Science Foundation.

Faculty eligible to receive stipends for July – September, 2010 are:


Please join us in congratulating the above faculty members.

Institutional Review Board (IRB) for Treatment of Human Subjects

The guidelines for research and related activities involving human subjects are available at [www.emporia.edu/research/irb.htm](http://www.emporia.edu/research/irb.htm). The members of the Institutional Review Board are:

- Pam Abel, Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative, USD #253, Emporia
- Mike Butler, Health, Physical Education and Recreation
- Scott Crupper, Biology
- Kathy Ermler, Dean, Graduate School
- Robyn Long, IRB Chair, Psychology, Art Therapy, Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling
- Gary Wyatt, Sociology, Anthropology, Crime & Delinquency Studies
**Proposal and Grant Activity**  
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**Web highlights**

**Graduate Student tab in BuzzIn** - The tab includes information regarding graduate enrollment/advisement, graduate forms, graduate policies/procedures, handbooks and guides, tuition and fees, research and grants, information for graduate assistants, graduate awards and grants, graduate student services, graduate calendar, social networking, and information for graduate faculty/advisors.

**Graduate Calendar** is now available on the Graduate Students tab in BuzzIn. The calendar includes university information, Graduate School information, and graduate departmental information. All graduate departments are welcome to submit any dates/events they would like added to the calendar.

**Facebook** – become a fan of the Graduate School Facebook page. The page includes departmental activities and pictures and items of interest to graduate students. Contact the Graduate School if you would like to have something posted to the page.

**Student testimonials, alumni profiles, faculty spotlight, and virtual tours.**

**Check it out!** [http://www.emporia.edu/grad/](http://www.emporia.edu/grad/)

**Important Dates and Deadlines**

- October 8 – Applications due for Harold Durst Graduate Research Award. [www.emporia.edu/grad/awards.htm](http://www.emporia.edu/grad/awards.htm)
- October 15 – Nominations due for Boylan Outstanding Thesis Award.
- October 15 – Fall deadline for Student Research Grants. [www.emporia.edu/research/facultysupport.html](http://www.emporia.edu/research/facultysupport.html)

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**New policy change on grant proposals!**

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2010, proposals without university commitment or matching requirements will now only require the signatures of the department chair, school/college dean, and Dean of the Graduate School. Those proposals will no longer require the approval of the Budget Director, Provost, and President, unless otherwise required by the granting agency. Proposals must still be routed with the Proposal Transmittal Form – electronic format is preferred. Contact the Research and Grants Center if you have questions.

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