Priority Group Report

Services for Graduate and Professional Students

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Charge:  
Review the University’s services and programs to determine the level of awareness and accessibility for graduate and professional students. In particular, create a means for Student Success departments to evaluate all websites, publications and communications to ensure that clear messages are present which indicate services are provided to graduate and professional students.

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Basic Findings of the Priority Group:

1. Graduate and professional students consider their academic units to be their primary source of communication.

2. Graduate and professional students assume that—unless specified otherwise—they are entitled to the same services as the undergraduate population.

3. The Graduate School is continuing in their effort to coordinate and centralize the recruitment of students in the schools of:
   - Allied Health (in collaboration with KUMC)
   - Architecture and Urban Design
   - Business
   - Education
   - Engineering
• Fine Arts
• Journalism and Mass Communications
• Liberal Arts and Sciences (in collaboration with Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
• Medicine (in collaboration with KUMC)
• Nursing (in collaboration with KUMC)
• Pharmacy
• Social Welfare

4. The students requested that Student Success information be coordinated and made available in “tiers” according to their progress toward degree completion. For example:
   a. Need to know as a applicant and/or new arrival (ex: housing, financial aid)
   b. Need to know to get involved (ex: CCL, Union, MRC)
   c. Need to know as continuing student (ex: SHS, Recreation Services)
   d. Need to know as finishing (ex: Career Services).

5. There is little similarity of need between full time graduate students on the Lawrence campus and the part-time students on the Edwards campus.

6. The primary methods/sources of communication mechanisms available to graduate and professional students are:
   o Academic units
   o websites/KU Portal
   o Events/Groups
   o Publications
   o Graduate School