



# Graduate School

2018 Fall Update with the President and Provost

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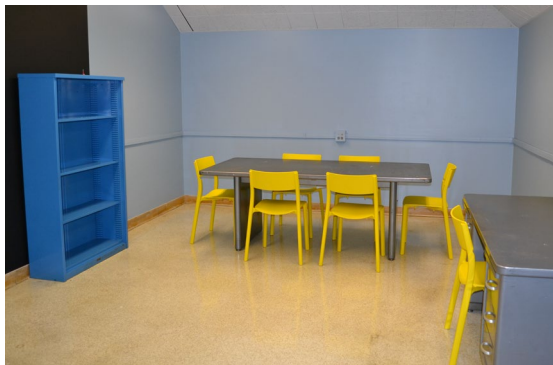
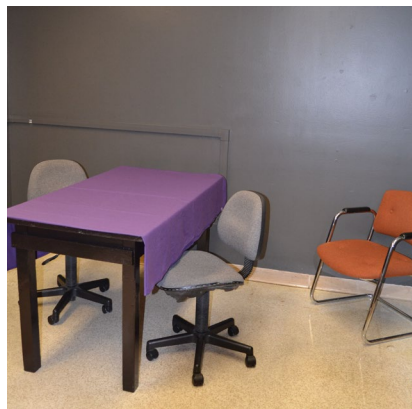
# Progress/accomplishments

- Completion of Graduate Student Collaborative Space on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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