
GOALS AND MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

MAJOR GOALS FOR 2002-2003

- ☞☞ To increase enrollment.
- ☞☞ To continue to add new academic degree programs.
- ☞☞ To protect/increase the tuition scholarship budget.
- ☞☞ To improve the overall quality of graduate student support by increasing stipend levels and creating more/better fellowship and scholarship opportunities.
- ☞☞ To improve the quality and number of underrepresented graduate fellowships.
- ☞☞ To develop better data on alumni placement.
- ☞☞ To take a leadership role in coordinating instructional, research, and other scholarly resources for graduate students.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

- ☞☞ John N. Kilmarx was appointed as Associate Dean of the Graduate School in July 2001.
- ☞☞ Michele Harder was promoted from admissions processor to staff assistant for graduate degree completion in September 2001.
- ☞☞ In November 2001, the Graduate School welcomed a new member, Martha Rice, as a graduate admissions processor.
- ☞☞ In December 2001, Susan K. Repine was promoted to Assistant Dean of the Graduate School.
- ☞☞ The Graduate School continued its commitment to quality service by offering faculty and staff a number of additional on-line services, including various admissions reports and on-line access to all prospect data collected by the Graduate School.
- ☞☞ The Graduate School assumed a role in the processing of all Fulbright applications. A Binghamton Fulbright website was developed to offer guidance to prospective Fulbright applicants.

RECRUITMENT, APPLICATION, AND STUDENT SERVICES

- ☞☞ A new recruiting flyer was designed and produced to provide graduate prospects with an overview of opportunities at Binghamton University.
- ☞☞ The graduate application form was redesigned to make it more user-friendly and efficient.
- ☞☞ In an attempt to encourage electronic applications, the Graduate School introduced a two-tier application fee payment structure. The fee for on-line applications is now \$45 per program; the fee for paper applications is \$60 per program.
- ☞☞ Beginning in January 2002, all offers of admission will include notification of a required \$100 deposit. The admissions deposit is expected to aid graduate programs in planning enrollments.
- ☞☞ Three members of the Graduate School staff (Allan Eller, Sue Repine, and Suzette Vandenburg) made a presentation at the 14th Annual Conference of the National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals.
- ☞☞ The creation of a graduate intern in the Career Development Center will provide graduate students with new opportunities for professional development.

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

- ☞☞ The total number of fee-paid degree applications for the Fall 2001 semester increased by 9.6%, following a 12.4% increase for the Fall 2000 semester.
- ☞☞ Applications have increased by 45.6% over the past five years.
- ☞☞ International applications increased by 17.3% in Fall 2001. The number of international fee-paid degree applications reached 1852, which was 64.5% of total applications received for the Fall 2001 semester.
- ☞☞ The percentage of degree applications submitted electronically via the web rose from 15% in Fall 1999 to 18% in Fall 2000, and to 26% in Fall 2001.

GRADUATE EDUCATION

- ☞☞ The Graduate Council approved several new accelerated “3/2” degree programs. These are combined offerings in which undergraduates can map out an academic schedule that meets all requirements for a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in five years:
 - Philosophy, Politics, and Law (BA) to Philosophy (MA),
 - Biology (BA/MA),
 - Computer Science (BS/MS),
 - Electrical Engineering (BS/MS), and

- Computer Engineering (BS) to Electrical Engineering (MS).

- ✍✍ An Advanced Certificate in Biological Sciences is now offered to students wishing an additional semester or two of coursework and prescribed experiences.
- ✍✍ Two new graduate degree programs were added during the 2000-2001 academic year: Biomedical Anthropology (MA) and Philosophy's Social, Political, Ethical, and Legal (SPEL – MA/PhD).
- ✍✍ A team of evaluators from several universities conducted and submitted their final report of an intensive review of the proposed Masters and Doctoral programs in Materials Science and Materials Engineering. The formal proposal is in preparation for distribution to SUNY and SED.
- ✍✍ A proposal was started for the Master's in Social Work degree in Human Development.

GRADUATE FUNDING

- ✍✍ A total of 1,169 graduate students received some form of funding in the 2000-2001 academic year.
- ✍✍ The Graduate School awarded over \$4.9 million in graduate tuition scholarships during the 2000-2001 academic year.
- ✍✍ Base TA/GA stipend levels were increased in six doctoral programs, with a commitment to continue raising stipend levels.
- ✍✍ A new Graduate Scholars Award was implemented which provided incentive awards for new students. This program also provides graduate programs with a vehicle for offering incentives through department-funded fellowships.
- ✍✍ The Unit-Funded TA/GA program allowed individual departments and administrative units to appoint more graduate students as Teaching/Graduate Assistants.
- ✍✍ The reconfiguration of the Work Study Program allowed students to be paid with Federal Work Study funds while being appointed as half-time Graduate Assistants.
- ✍✍ The Work Study appointment process was updated to an on-line process. Work Study applicants can now apply on line and departments can view and appoint work study students electronically.
- ✍✍ The creation of the Clark Advisory Committee was a first step in enhancing the success of underrepresented minority fellows. The committee was charged with setting policies and goals for the Clark program.