Major Goals for 2003-2004

- To increase enrollment.

- To continue to actively recruit, enroll and graduate a larger number of outstanding minority students.

- To continue to add new degree programs (e.g. Bioengineering, Translation) and post graduate certificates.

- To develop additional sources of funding to support graduate students.

- To continue to work with the Office of Institutional Research and Undergraduate Admissions to develop a more systematic approach to enrollment planning and recruitment.

- To develop programs to creatively maximize the use of current and future resources to support graduate education.
Major Achievements

✓ The Graduate School implemented a change in the application fee structure that lead to greater use of on-line application process; this significantly shortened the time to process applications. The ratio of Electronic applications to the paper applications has progressively increased over the last few years, with 79% of all applications being in electronic form for Fall 2003.

✓ The Graduate School enrollment continued to increase with 2771 students enrolled for Fall 2003.

✓ The Clark Underrepresented Minority Fellowship program was completely revamped and the changes in the program resulted in increased stipends, more full-time students enrollments in the program and better educational and professional training experiences for the students.

✓ The graduate School continued the move to appoint unit-funded graduate students to TA/GA lines, with the result being an increase in the state supported tuition scholarship budget.

✓ The Graduate School introduced policies and procedures that allow funds from tuition charges on grants and contracts to benefit graduate students.

✓ An on-line newsletter, GradConnect was introduced to efficiently share information with the Graduate Community.

✓ The Graduate School continued to refine and develop on-line reports that allow each academic program to access information on applications/applicants.