



James T. Laney School of Graduate Studies

Accomplishments: September 2008 to August 2009

- Completed the review of the Graduate Division of Biological and Biomedical Sciences and prepared for a review of the PhD program in Business
- Sought and obtained grants to develop programming that addresses the responsible conduct of research and to develop a master's program in development practice
- Approved an MA program in Bioethics, which is enrolling its first students this fall
- Approved a graduate certificate in digital scholarship in collaboration with the Woodruff Library

Accomplishments: September 2007 to August 2008

- Funding Structures – finalized and established a plan for stable and growth-oriented graduate education funding; implemented Professional Development Support program to rationalize support for student conference participation, supplementary training and research. (Faculty Distinction and Preparing Engaged Scholars)
- External Review of GDBBS – finalized self-study and preparations for a review of the Graduate Division of Biological and Biomedical Sciences. (Faculty Distinction)
- Academic Policy and Program Review – enhanced tracking and reporting procedures around student progress milestones such as candidacy and time to degree; partnered with Emory College to conduct external reviews of humanities departments with doctoral programs. (Indirectly supports all the strategic themes by improving the institutional infrastructure of graduate education)
- Degree Programs – Enrolled the first cohort of new PhD program in Computational Science and Informatics and the first cohort of students in a revenue-generating computer science master's program. (Computational and Life Sciences)

Accomplishments: September 2006 to August 2007

- Funding Structure: Analyzed requirements and developed an implementation plan for stable graduate education funding that will serve as a foundation for future growth
- Student Professionalism: developed plans to encourage and support students seeking grant funding through grant writing training and funding policies
- New Program in Computer Science and Informatics: implemented a new doctoral program that reaches across units of the University in a truly multidisciplinary fashion, combining coursework in computer science with rotations in biomedical laboratories (supported by converting a tuition-generating masters program)
- Policy and Program Review: analyzed Graduate School academic policies and their implementation to prepare for reforms that will strengthen cohesion across programs and articulate a well defined path to degree



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Accomplishments: September 2005 to August 2006

- Enhanced competitiveness for top students and launched efforts to improve doctoral student's experience. Initiatives include increased student support packages (stipend and health insurance); a new orientation program for faculty directors of graduate studies; and an exit survey for students who graduate or leave Emory. Updates and revisions will continue through AY07
- Approved PhD program in Computational Science and Informatics, an initiative under the New Frontiers in Science and Technology Theme/Computational Life Sciences Initiative. The Graduate School worked with program faculty and initiative leaders to develop a sustainable funding strategy for the program for presentation to the Provost in AY07.
- Made strides toward building GS staff capacity and systems for data management and electronic processes in preparation for NRC survey of doctoral programs. Initiated internal evaluation of work areas/work environment and realignment of senior staff primary responsibilities
- Initiated planning with DUR for development activities for the Graduate School. Launched a communications plan that includes a revamped website, consistent messaging and transparency of graduate program data such as attrition rates, completion time and placement history of interest to internal and external constituencies.
- Initiated financial review of sources and uses of graduate program funding as part of a year-long effort to assess fit of current budget model in relation to constraints and opportunities