



# Laying the Groundwork for Future Success

## A Summary of Recent Graduate School Efforts in Support of the Strategic Plan



### The Graduate School's Strategic Goals

- Goal 1:** Develop and support innovative academic programs.
- Goal 2:** Create a vibrant and engaged graduate community.
- Goal 3:** Develop data-driven mechanisms to reward graduate program innovation.
- Goal 4:** Optimize processes to promote increased admissions, retention, and graduation rates.

### What Do You Highlight When Everything Is Changing?

- The Graduate School and Graduate Council are working hard to remove barriers to admission, barriers to student success, and barriers to communication. For example, we have:
- Changed the international admissions requirement from 7<sup>th</sup> semester to 6<sup>th</sup> semester marks.
  - Expanded Senior Rule to make starting a graduate degree easier.
  - Eliminated the 60% rule for master's degrees to give programs more flexibility.
  - Created a GPA amnesty option for students finding themselves initially in the wrong program.
  - Removed the prohibition on outside employment for GAs.
  - Formed a Graduate Student Association to give graduate students a more direct and collective voice.
  - Hired a Graduate Student Success Specialist.
  - Streamlined admissions, including accepting e-copies of all documents—**consequently, admitted numbers more than doubled during the most critical time of the admissions calendar and processed applications increased by a third.**

### Making Stackable Credentials Work (Goal 1)

The Graduate Council passed a comprehensive update to the catalog to make sure that alternate pathways based on stackable credentials are not only possible, but encouraged. For example:

- The level of work required to earn a graduate badge is now defined to be consistent with our 3.0 GPA requirement.
- The transfer cap for WSU badges was raised, and courses on a graduate certificate POS are excluded from the cap.
- Time limits are not imposed on transfer courses from a previously awarded WSU graduate certificate.

### Promoting Social and Professional Growth Within Our Graduate Student Community (Goal 2)

The GS is collaborating with units across campus to develop and support social, cultural, and professional community.

**GRADUATE SCHOOL**  
WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

**FALL 2017**  
Graduate Enrollment Series 1 Years

**ADMIT TO AN UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR EARLY**  
As a WSU graduate, you can apply to a major in the College of Arts and Sciences before you finish your undergraduate degree.

**SPRINGTIME FOR FINANCING NEW GRADUATE STUDIES**  
The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship is open to all U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are currently a U.S. citizen.

**SPRINGTIME IS AN IDEAL TIME TO RESEARCH IN THE WISDOM WORLD**  
Learn what an M.S. is and about the amazing world of open learning available.

**SENIOR IN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE? REVIEWS**  
National of the week have been accepted by graduate council and awaiting permission for presenting your findings.

**WORKING TO BE A GRADUATE STUDENT**  
Learn how to transition common skills learned in graduate school to your undergraduate work.

**RESEARCH IN COLLEGE AT THE GRADUATE**  
Opportunities and the Graduate School of Research.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING TO OPERATE OF THESE EVENTS:**  
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**GRAD STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES 2016**

**Dr. Anne Krook**

Join nationally known speaker and consultant Dr. Anne Krook for practical advice for graduate and postdoctoral students wanting to switch to the non-academic workplace and for undergraduate humanities majors looking to transfer their skills to the job.

**November 10, 4-5 p.m., ESC 362**  
"Entering the Job Market: With a Humanities or Arts Degree"

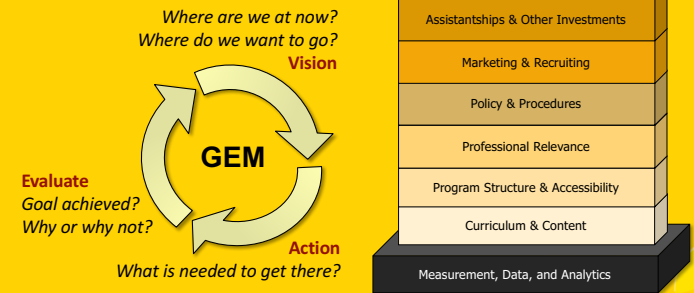
**11, 9 a.m.-noon, ESC 3rd Floor**  
"Non-Academic Job Search Methods for Graduate Students and Postdocs"

**3-5 p.m.**  
One-on-one sessions with Dr. Krook

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### Graduate Enrollment Management (Goal 3)

GEM is a systematic approach to managing enrollment and the graduate student lifecycle—from prospect to alumni—by syncing admissions, student support, academic, and other cross-functional operations. **The framework is holistic and purposely intended to catalyze program and process review, continuous program improvement, and enrollment growth.**



### Implementing a New Admissions System (Goal 4)

- CollegeNET has improved processes in three key areas. Specifically, it provides:
- An intuitive and dynamically updated online application.
  - A robust CRM tool.
  - An online review portal that normalizes and streamlines applicant review.

