

Graduate School 2009 Campus-Wide Staff Meeting **Dr. Kimberly Nance**

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Welcome

Heads up on some new items for fall. You and your coordinators will receive full information when the process is rolled out, but you can expect....

- A new online access system for graduate admissions materials and decision sheets
- Clarification of parameters for GA contracts and for use of GEP, based on advice from legal
- New Degree Audit forms to replace the old Plan of Study

Role of staff members in graduate students' education

Michigan State has coined the acronym PREP for their goals for graduate students, both inside and outside the classroom.

PLANNING: students need to plan ahead to achieve short-term and long-term goals

RESILIENCE: nobody every said it would be easy; every student experiences moments of disappointment, frustration, and general stress; every student needs to learn to prevent those situations when possible, and to respond professionally when they do occur

ENGAGEMENT: students need to take an active role in professional networking; and accept responsibility for building the relationships and seeking out the information that will help them be successful

PROFESSIONALISM: started the moment you arrive in graduate school, and involves setting and holding yourself to standards of personal integrity as well as civility toward everyone you come in contact with

Staff members

- Set the tone: as models and mentors of planning, professionalism and civility (they also need to help set limits, sometimes with the assistance of Community Rights & Responsibilities or even Campus Police)
- Help students develop resilience in the face of ordinary setbacks, by maintaining firm boundaries between offering empathy and enabling
- Act as early responders in difficult situations, helping make students aware of campus resources and encouraging their use (many of those resources are listed at <http://www.grad.ilstu.edu/orientation.shtml>)

Balance Sheet: Staying Healthy, and Even Happy, in Graduate School

<http://chronicle.com/weekly/v55/i24/24b01501.htm>

Presentations from Guests

Graduate Support Staff Meeting

Immigration Update

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1. On-campus employment
 - a. No more than 20 hours during the semester (part-time)
 - b. More than 20 hours permitted when classes not in session (full-time) – ✓

2. CPT and OPT
 - a. No updates on CPT
 - b. OPT STEM extension – additional 17 months of OPT
 - c. OPT Cap-Gap extension – automatically extends status to 1 Oct

3. SEVIS II
 - a. Rolled out in two phases – Oct 09 and Mar 10
 - b. Paperless – no more SEVIS documents (I-20 or DS-2019)
 - c. Provision for “official” document for DMV and Social Security
 - d. Non-immigrants can update certain data themselves

4. E-Verify
 - a. Funding approved indefinitely
 - b. All new employees must be entered in E-Verify
 - c. ISU does not currently use E-Verify
 - d. E-Verify is mandated for federal grants

5. I-9
 - a. Department or HR can issue I-9
 - b. E-Verify pulls information from I-9

6. H-1B
 - a. Visas still available for private sector
 - b. Comprehensive immigration reform expected by next year

7. Green Cards
 - a. Continued backlog for India and China in EB-2 (5 to 7 years wait)
 - b. No visas available in EB-3