DGA Community-

On Tuesday, July 13, we held a full DGA meeting in order to convene as a broader group and start obtaining feedback and thoughts on the format of the future DGA meetings. We understand that busy schedules and the close of the 2010 Fiscal Year did not make it possible for everyone to attend that meeting, but we hope you will be able to attend future sessions.

During this week’s discussion, we introduced the ORSA Management Team and provided a bit of historical perspective regarding the on-going assessment of Post-Award administration at the University of Oregon as well the transition to the Management Team.

We also started to solicit the DGA community’s feedback on what topics and issues should be discussed in the DGA meetings. Also, if there are volunteers within the DGA group who would like to present or lead a discussion, we welcome those volunteers!

We will continue to discuss options to have research community training sessions focused on specific levels of knowledge (Advanced vs. Basics), but also keep these monthly meetings as an opportunity to connect all levels of the DGA community in order to foster mentorship and networking within the group.

In order to incorporate representations from Budget and Resource Planning into our next session to discuss the new UO budget model and how it will impact Graduate Student Tuition and Fee Remission, especially on sponsored projects, we are attempting to reschedule the August meeting for Wednesday, **August 11th**. Please watch for an updated invitation. Also, we ask that those individuals with ideas or thoughts on upcoming topics for the August session (or future sessions) to please submit them to Kim Newell at knewell@uoregon.edu.

Thank you and we hopefully we will have an opportunity to meeting with you soon.

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