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**“Before you
are a leader,
success is all
about growing
yourself.
When you
become a
leader, success
is all about
growing
others.”**

-Jack Welch-

RESEARCH...RESEARCH...RESEARCH...

In January 2009, Sacramento State was designated as an *“Emerging Research Institution”* by the Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP). What does this designation mean for Sacramento State? With this designation, resources and opportunities will be expanded for the campus of which will enable it to work in conjunction with federal agencies, large research institutions, and other organizations engaged in research planning and development.

As Sacramento State moves forward to establish itself as a premiere research institution, the university’s Research Administration in conjunction with Virginia Commonwealth University’s Center for the Advancement of Research Methods and Analysis (CARMA) is sponsoring a Research Methods and Analysis webcast series for the Spring 2009 semester. The webcast series will allow faculty and students to hear about the latest developments in research methods used in organizational and social science disciplines.

On April 17, 2009 this webcast series will host three (3) lectures:

- **9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**
Dynamic Approaches to Analyzing Group Processes
Dr. Laurie Weingart, Carnegie Mellon University
- **10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
Exploring Interdependencies Among Strategic Choices Using Multivariate Probit Analysis
Dr. Jeffrey Reuer, University of North Carolina
- **12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**
Estimating Confidence Intervals for Correlations Corrected for Unreliability and Range Restrictions
Dr. Michael Burke, Tulane University

If you are interested in attending any of these sessions, please RSVP via email to research@csus.edu or contact Jan Burnaugh at (916) 278-6402.

In addition to the Webcast Series, the Graduate Diversity Program will be offering two (2) research workshops:

- March 17, 2009: Importance of Undergraduate Research (Union, California Suite, 3rd Floor from 12:00p.m. – 1:00p.m.)
- March 23, 2009: The Importance of Graduate Research (Union, California Suite, 3rd Floor from 1:00p.m. – 2:00p.m.)

For more information on the Graduate Diversity Workshops, please contact Carlotta Moore at (916) 278-5118 or via email at moorec@saclink.csus.edu

Our campus is buzzing during the midst of mid-term examinations and presentations. I hope you are continuing to pursue your interests in courses, internships, lectures, and workshops. As a graduate student you are important to our campus. Advancing studies in research and applied practices benefits us all. In this issue, we feature information on research workshops being offered on our campus. Learn from the workshops co-sponsored by Research and Grant Administration; share your knowledge with undergraduates or fellow graduate students in the Graduate Studies sponsored research workshops. I encourage you to take part in the active learning community on our campus.

Information on academic standing is also presented for your information. The OGS website features other events and activities in the life of our campus, including culminating experience workshops, fellowship information, and grant opportunities. Please visit the OGS website for more information.

I wish you continued success in learning and discovering.

Sincerely,

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PAYING FOR YOUR EDUCATION: MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES

Do you want to know how you can finance your education? If you answered yes to this question, then you should attend the **Financing Graduate Education** workshop on **March 12, 2009** (workshop will be held in the University Union, California Suite, 3rd Floor from 1:00p.m. – 2:00p.m.)

In addition to the workshop, applications are currently being accepted for the following scholarship/fellowship:

- Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Program – Deadline: March 13, 2009
- Graduate Equity Fellowship – Deadline: March 28, 2009

More information about the scholarship/fellowships can be found at www.csus.edu/graddiv.

Please contact Carlotta Moore at (916) 278-5118 or via email at moorec@saclink.csus.edu if you have any questions

GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

There are three (3) GPAs on your academic grade report. The three GPAs include:

- **Current GPA**, which is based on the grades you received in any Fall Semester, Spring Semester, Winter Intersession, or Summer Term.
- **Sac State GPA**, which is based on all the courses you have taken at Sac State.
- **Overall Cumulative GPA**, which is based on all the college courses you have taken.

Your Sac State GPA and/or your Cumulative GPA determine academic standing. Hence, if you are a graduate student in classified or conditionally classified standing in a master's degree program, you **must maintain a cumulative and semester GPA of at least 3.00 to remain in good academic standing**. A semester GPA of less than 3.00 will result in Academic Warning. If while on Warning you earn a semester GPA of less than 3.00, you will be subject to Academic Disqualification/Dismissal.

Academic Disqualification is sometimes referred to as “Dismissal” because students who become Subject to Dismissal are ineligible to register at Sacramento State unless they are approved for reinstatement on an academic contract.

If you are a graduate student in a credential program or with an unclassified standing you will be subject to dismissal from the University if your GPA falls below 2.50 (a credential student must maintain a 3.0 grade point average to remain in good academic standing in the program).

As a graduate student, if you meet GPA requirements, but earned one (1) or two (2) NC grades in a semester, you will be placed on Academic Warning. Grades of NC earned in subsequent semesters will result in Probation, Continued Probation, or Dismissal, depending upon the number of NC grades earned and the semester GPA.

Please visit the Office of Graduate Studies website at: www.csus.edu/gradstudies for important dates, forms, and other important information on graduate studies.

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