MEMORANDUM

TO: College Deans, College Associate Deans for Graduate Programs, Department Heads and Directors of Graduate Programs

FROM: Duane Larick, Senior Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives and Dean of the Graduate School

SUBJECT: Changes Implemented to the Graduate Student Support Plan for the 2012-2013 Academic Year

Currently the University maintains about $23.5 million in continuing state appropriated budget for the Graduate Student Support Plan (GSSP). Based on approved graduate enrollment targets as developed in coordination with the University strategic plan, and taking into account the historical mix of funded vs. self-supported students, in-state vs. out-of-state students, U.S. citizens vs. internationals students, state-supported TA’s vs. RA’s and Fellows supported from grants and other non-state sources and providing estimates of tuition and insurance cost increases, it is forecasted that the GSSP state-funded slots for tuition and insurance will fall over $5 million short of providing needed funding for fiscal year 2012-2013. In order to allow the University to continue to accomplish it’s strategic goal of growing graduate enrollment and to allow colleges and programs to achieve enrollment targets developed for 2012-13 and beyond, an additional $3.2M in funds from the Provost/University reserve and $500K of F&A will be allocated to the Graduate Student Support Plan. 100% of the GSSP budget returns directly to support students in all academic programs.

This additional funding is critical to the GSSP. But, it is clear that without implementing strategic changes to the plan, the cost of the GSSP will continue to increase to a point it is no longer viable. Therefore, effective July 1, 2012, the following changes will be implemented in the Graduate Student Support Plan:

- The cost of tuition for students who are beyond the GSSP’s budgeted time limits will be charged to the student’s stipend funding source.

- State appropriated funds currently provide the largest portion of tuition remission required for out-of-state graduate students (US citizens and non-citizens). Four colleges currently participate in a tuition remission matching program for students whose primary support comes from selected non-state funding sources. A uniform 25% tuition remission matching policy will be implemented across all colleges and all non-state funding sources.

- Currently, the premium tuition source of graduate student stipends is considered as eligible for health insurance and/or tuition slots funded through the GSSP. For 2012-
2013 and beyond, this source of funding will be treated as a “college” source meaning it will be billed for in-state tuition, health insurance and the 25% tuition remission match.

- Tuition remission payments from the GSSP for students who are eligible to become residents of North Carolina for tuition purposes will be discontinued after their first year for those who do not perform sufficient and timely residentiary acts and complete a good-faith residency reclassification application prior to the posted deadline.

The details associated with implementation of each change in the GSSP for the 2012-2013 fiscal year and beyond are included in the attached document.

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