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FROM: Paul Joyce, Chair of the Faculty Senate  
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TO: Faculty Senate

RE: New TA proposal

DATE: February 27, 2012

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The discussion during the February 21, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate regarding the new draft proposal for administering out-of-state TA tuition waivers was both fruitful and informative. Your comments and concerns were relayed to President Nellis by senate leadership.

We further consulted with Provost Baker. Since the new TA plan represents only a new procedure for the distribution of out-of-state tuition waivers, Provost Baker has instructed the College of Graduate Studies to move forward with the implementation of the new proposal for budgeting and distributing TA tuition waivers.

However, the following consensus has been reached, to assure appropriate faculty input in future planning of policy and processes related to graduate education and out of respect for shared governance, the Graduate Council in concurrence with both the University Budget and Finance Committee and Senate will put together a plan to improve TA compensation. This will ultimately be accomplished through a combination of increasing the number of full graduate student waivers and increased salary for TA work. Such a plan will ultimately be part of the implementation of the University strategic plan (Goal 2, Objective A, strategy 2). The recommendations in this plan will be reviewed by the Faculty Senate.

The College of Graduate Studies wants to assure all units with existing TAs that each existing legitimate teaching assistantship will include an out-of-state tuition waiver and that for the coming year units should recruit in the same manner that they have in the past.