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Re: Report to Senate – School of Graduate Studies Orientation, fall 2010

The School of Graduate Studies orientation serves to welcome new graduate students to Queen's who will be beginning their studies in over 100 graduate programs offered across campus. Orientation introduces our students to resources and services available at the University and in the Kingston community.

As in the recent past, this year marked a very active orientation period.

- On September 7, 2010, Vice-Provost & Dean Brenda Brouwer provided the opening welcome at the annual Teaching Development Day for Students and Post-Doctoral Fellows organized by the Centre for Teaching and Learning. The Sudele Kirientess/C2titriebe

- On September 15, 2010, Associate Dean Rappaport, the Society of Graduate and Professional Students (SGPS), and SGPS Peer Advisors facilitated an information session for international graduate students, organized by the Queen's University International Centre. Topics covered included the types of academic issues that might arise and how they can be addressed, how students are evaluated, the roles of teaching assistants and academic supervisors, immigration and taxation regulations.
- At this year's annual orientation and welcome session, the School of Policy Studies welcomed the largest cohorts to each of its Masters of Public Administration (MPA; 68 students) and Masters of Industrial Relations (MIR; 48 students) programs. This event was capped with a variety of social activities providing opportunities for new students to meet informally with faculty and staff and get to know each other. The MIR program hosted several mini-classes, testing team-building and negotiation skills in a "rock-climbing" exercise and held a special alumni event with rotating small group discussions, each headed