Departmental Open-Ended Comments - Cover Letter

CU-Boulder Graduate Student Survey
Fall 2005

In fall 2005 approximately 3,800 currently enrolled CU-Boulder graduate students were surveyed using a web-based questionnaire, in a collaborative effort between Planning, Budget and Analysis (PBA) and the Graduate School. A total of 1,894 graduate students responded to the survey, yielding a 50% response rate.

The results are posted at:  http://www.colorado.edu/pba/surveys/grad/05/index.htm

To review quantitative results for your department:
This site provides tables and graphs of program-level results and information on the 2005 Graduate Student Survey population, sampling design, and response rates. There are links to results for the entire campus and for individual colleges and schools. To view results for your program, click on the link in the left-hand frame entitled "Tables by Degree Program." Then in the left-hand box on that page, scroll down to select your degree program, and in the right-hand box select "VIEW ALL TABLES" or select a specific survey item to view.

To review open-ended (qualitative) results:
The posted report also includes a brief summary of some of the more prevalent themes from 11 open-ended questions. An in-depth summary of all the open-ended comments from the survey was not done. Instead, we are sending each department a printout of their own open-ended comments (see attached listing of the survey items). Comments are ordered by question, student, and degree level. You may also request a copy of your comments in electronic format, by contacting Cathy Kerry at the address below.

You may wish to compare comments from your students to the themes found in the posted summaries of the campus-wide comments. To do so, click on the links listed under the section entitled "Open-Ended Comments" in the left-hand frame of the main results page. There is a summary of themes from items that pertain to all respondents and another summary of themes from comments that pertain to sub-groups of respondents.

I have approved the distribution of the verbatim comments for each program's students to the department chairs and the posting of the brief summary of the campus-wide open-ended comments.

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If you have questions about your department's open-ended comments or wish to receive these comments electronically, please contact:

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**To view this letter on the web and link to the campus-wide summaries, see:
http://www.colorado.edu/pba/surveys/grad/05/ops_coverletter1.pdf