Housekeeping items:

- Section B of the P&P manual has been updated
- Winter 2013 admission decisions due Oct 15

New Endorsement Process

- Campus wide effort to create a universal endorsement (will roll out in next few months)
- All applicants must now receive an endorsement before they can be recommended for admission
- Must not express an intent to admit
- Must not be invited to interview prior to endorse
- GS02 will be programmed to prevent a recommendation without an endorsement

Policy section has been updated

Please let faculty and staff know that all applicants must now have an endorsement before they can be recommended for admission.
Endorsement continued...

- Applicants will be informed early in the application that endorsement is needed as part of application
- LDS applicants will be urged to arrange an interview as soon as possible
- Current BYU students can use endorse.byu.edu
- Non-LDS applicants will be encouraged to visit with the university chaplain

Endorsement Status

- On gs02, you'll now see 3 different status displays
  - Needed
  - Endorsed
  - Not endorsed
- Endorsement tab is separate from the academic

Graduation Deadline Policy

Students who miss the graduation deadlines for any given semester must register for at least 2 hours (preferably project, thesis, dissertation, or internship credit) or pay the equivalent minimum registration fee and will graduate the following semester.

All applicants can use:
endorse.byu.edu

Non-LDS (both U.S. and Intl) should email intl1@byu.edu for interview with Chaplain
Clarification from Dean Wynn Stirling:

1. Why the deadline is where it is: The university has a policy that students whose names appear in the commencement program have been audit checked to ensure that they meet all of the requirements for graduation. This takes a lot of work. We set the deadline by working backward from the time the program must be generated. It is now as late as it can possibly be.

Clarification from Dean Wynn Stirling:

2. There is only one deadline. Some departments have viewed this as more or less optional, and this has led to confusion and, frankly, to some abuse. Students are told that there is no penalty for missing the deadline; in fact, they may even be encouraged to do so.

Clarification from Dean Wynn Stirling:

3. The argument that the student does not use additional university resources and therefore should not pay tuition is not correct. In fact, it takes just as much effort to process the late students as it does the ones who meet the deadline.
### Feedback from Applicants

1. What was the most helpful/useful information found on the department's website?
   - Program description and requirements list

2. What type of content did you have with your program of interest before you applied or completed your application?
   - General research

3. What were the most helpful/useful sections on the department's website?

4. What were the least helpful/useful sections on the department's website?

5. What proof of contact did you use with your program of interest before you applied or completed your application?
   - Email

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Be sure to update websites with research info for applicants.