
Business:

- **Minutes of the November Meeting:** The graduate council confirmed that there were no comments made on the December minutes pdf. Dr. Otugen made a motion to approve the minutes, Dr. Beskok seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by the council.
- or establishing another type

- **Parental Leave Agenda Item** Dr. Poston asked the parental leave subcommittee to discuss the recent input from the Academic Affairs Forum and revise the drafted policy (slide 7).
- **Provost Faculty Fellow Assistantship Project Update** Dr. Poston updated the council that Dr. Karen Lupo continues to work, but that Moody is not yet ready to share her results.
- **Federal Work Study and Graduate Assistantships** Dr. Poston announced to the committee that Moody leadership is working with the Office of Financial Aid to use work study funds for



Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies

Graduate Council Meeting
December 13, 12:00-1:30pm, Ford Hall Viz Lab

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Minutes of the November 8 Meeting



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Graduate Student Experience

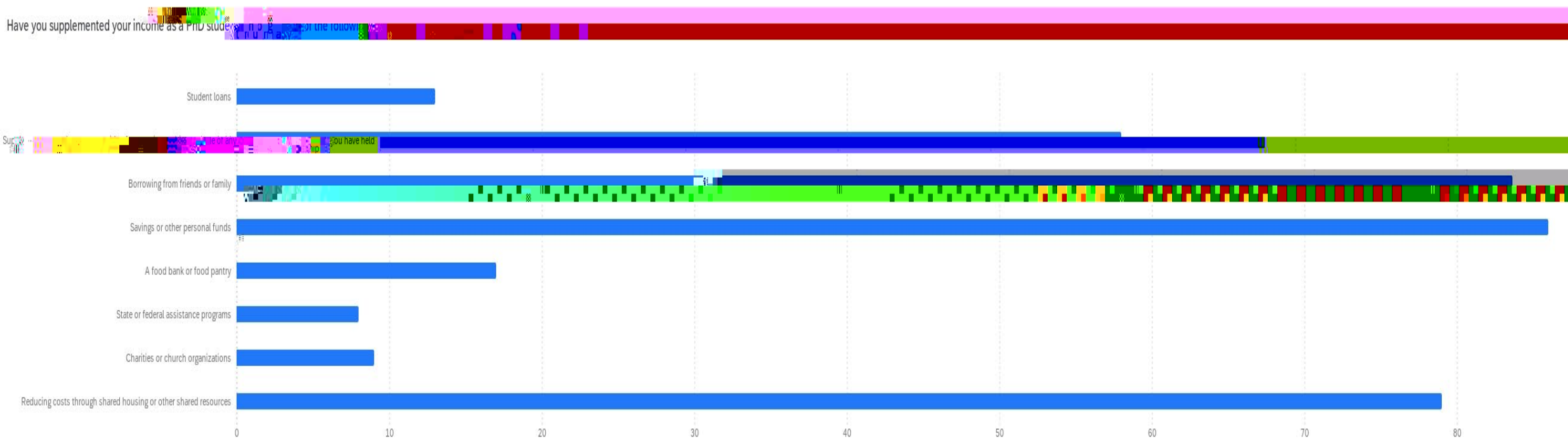


Provost's Faculty Fellow Assistantship Project



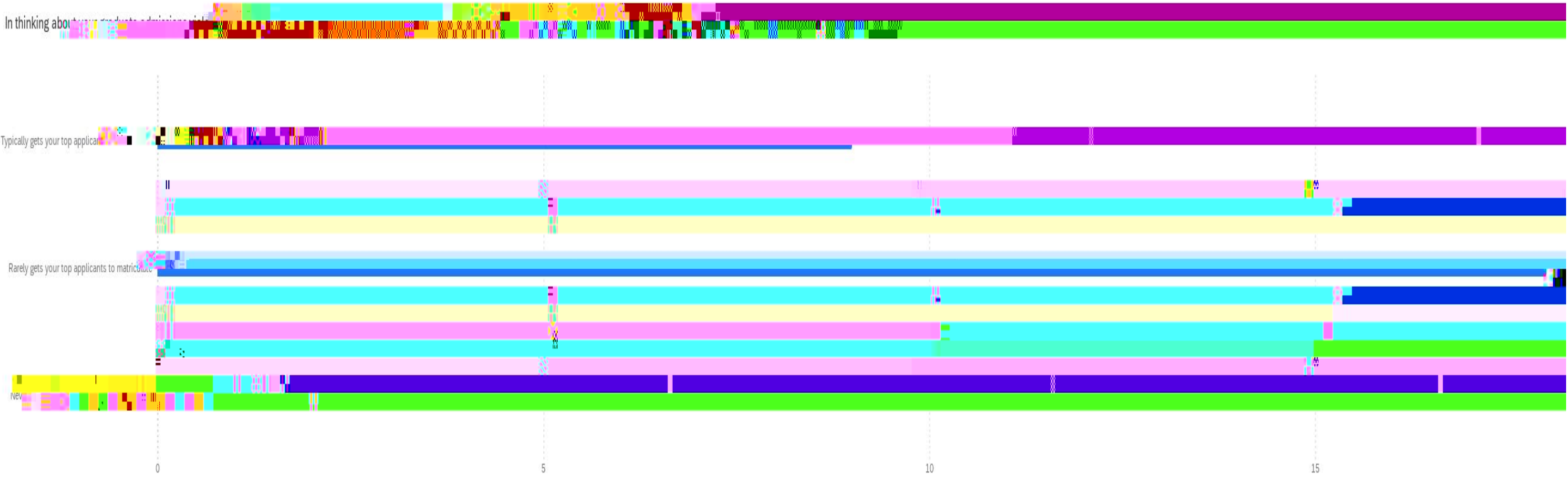
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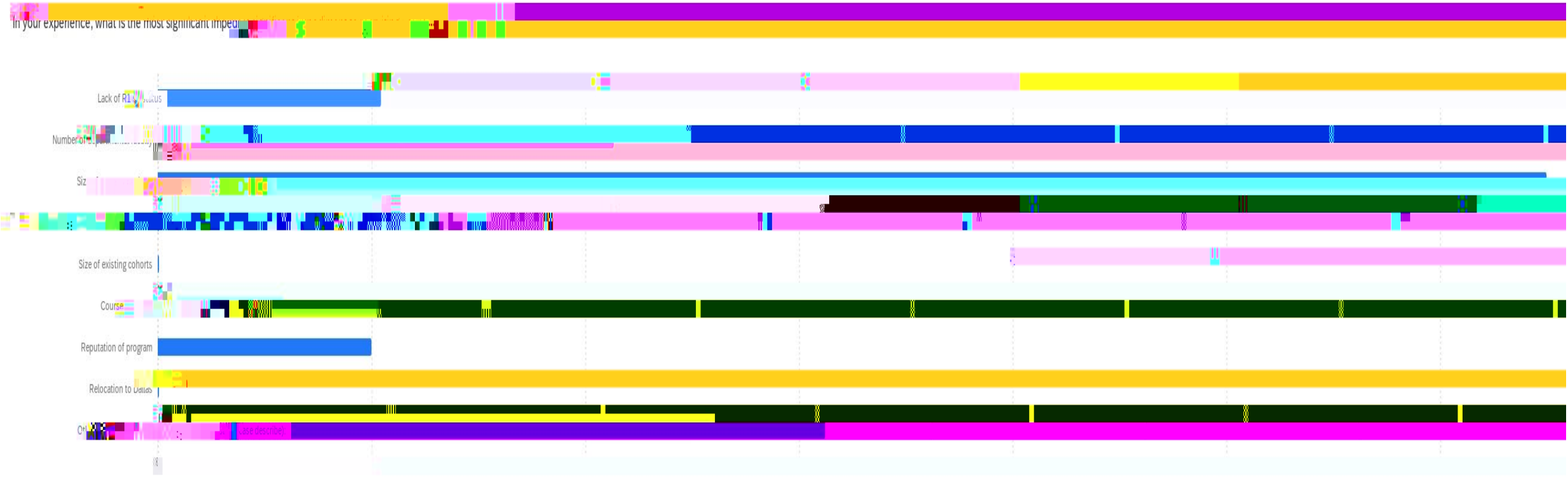
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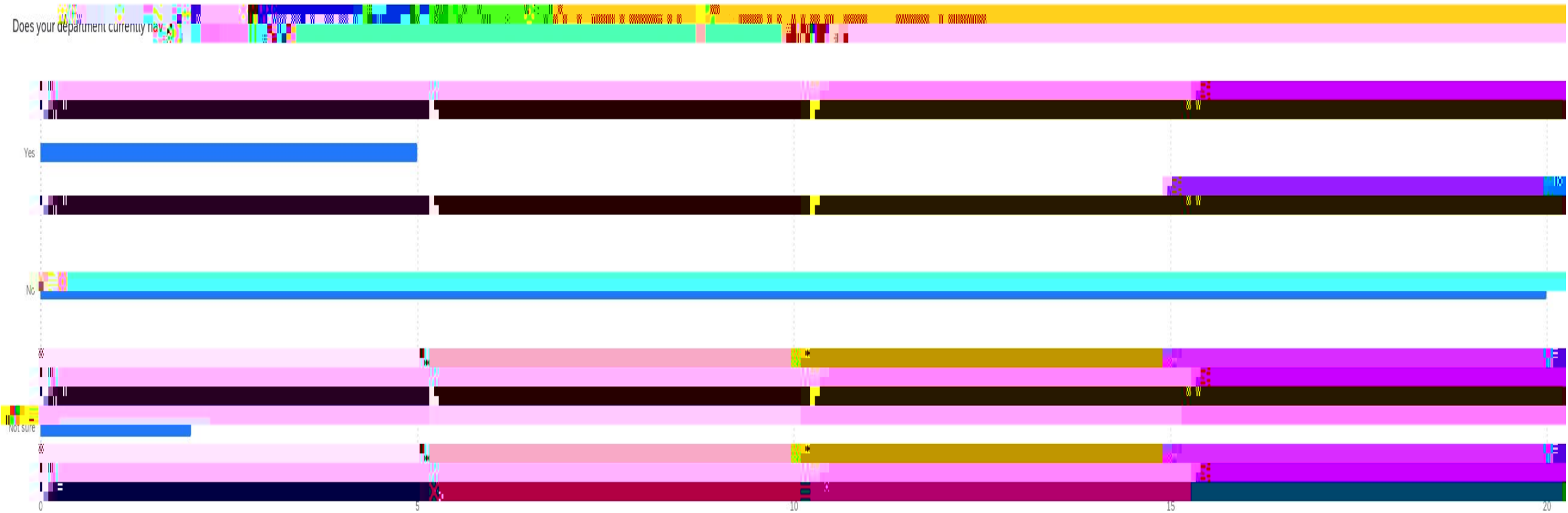
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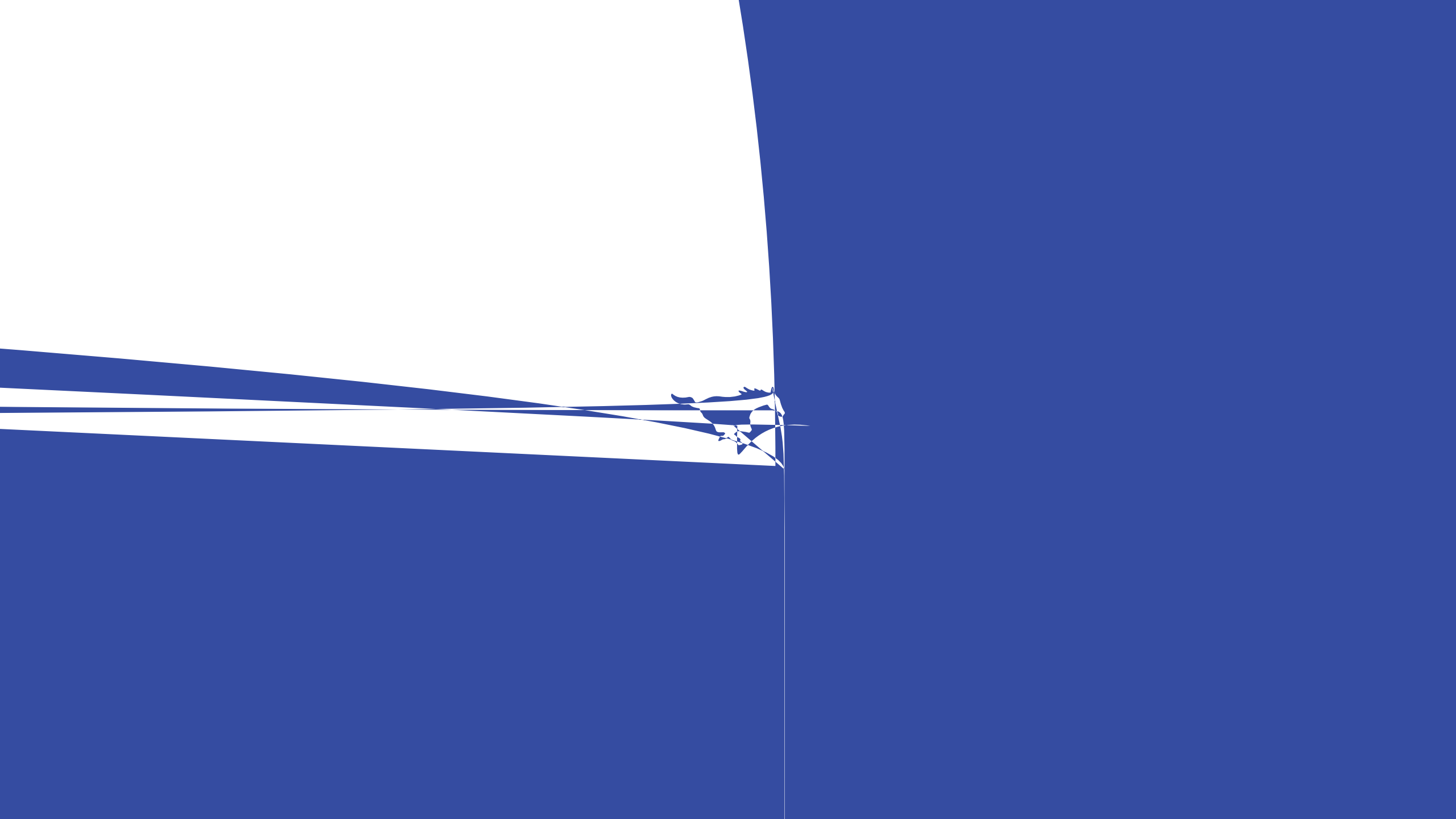
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Federal Work Study and Graduate Assistantships

- » We are working with Financial Aid, Payroll, and other offices to explore this possibility
- » Federal work study would provide $\frac{3}{4}$ of a student's stipend, up to \$6,000 in total (so the federal work study contribution would be \$4,500)
- » This could be done for domestic students who demonstrate need by completing the FAFSA
- » Using these federal work study funds as part of the support for eligible students would free up funds that could be used to increase support for all graduate students in the school/program
- » The Office of Financial Aid would prefer to pilot this with students in a few programs starting Fall 2024
- » There are still some issues to be worked out, but this is done at other universities, like U Memphis

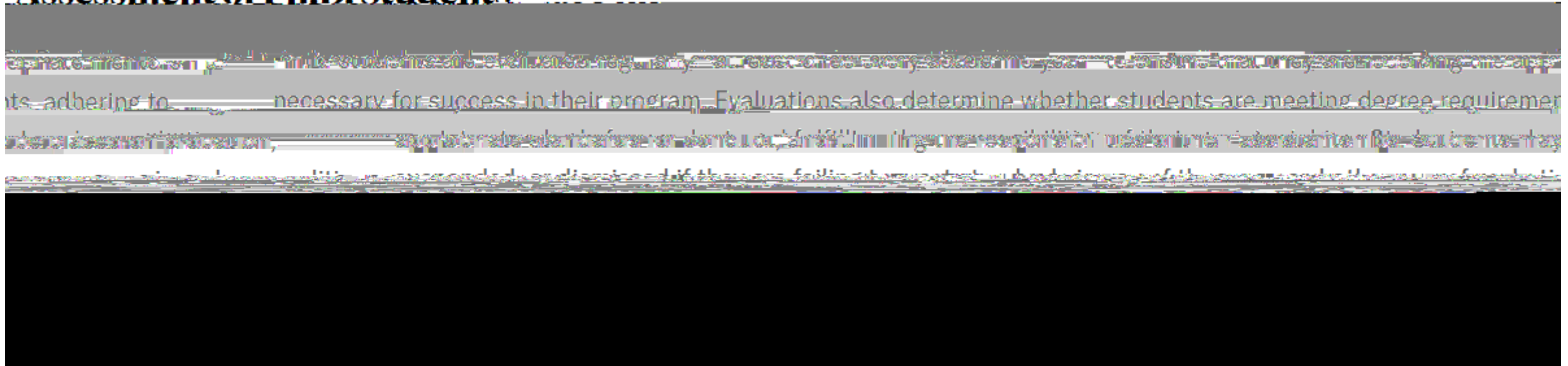
Annual Progress Reports for PhD Students



Annual Progress Reports for Moody School Students

- The question has come up, “what are SMU’s requirements with regards to annual review of PhD students?”
- A few cases have come up where it would have been helpful to have annual progress report documentation in the Moody School
- MFA students are also assessed annually. Should a policy apply to them as well?
- Current graduate catalog policy:

Assessment of Ph.D. Students



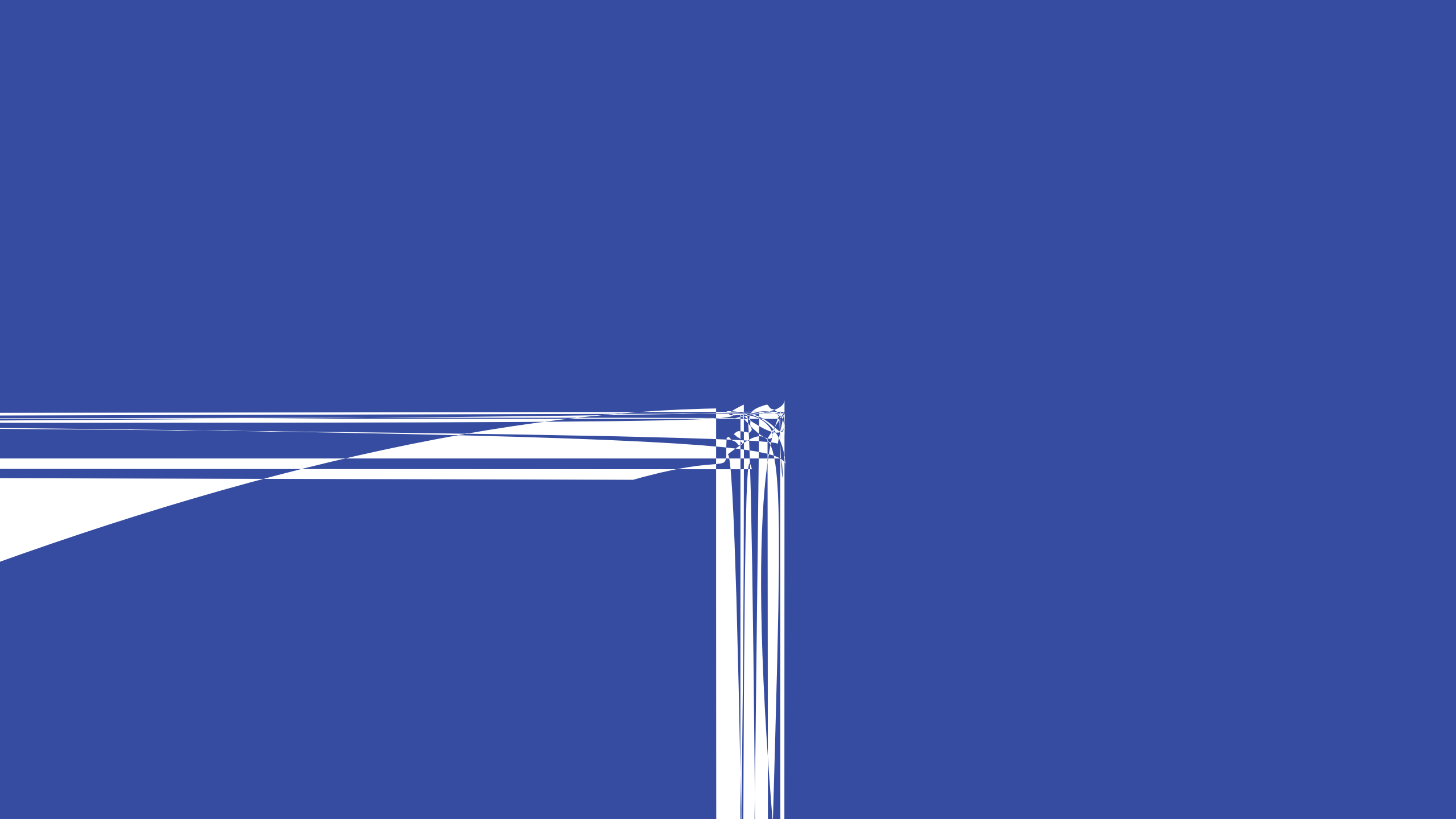
Graduate Student Success Day



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Graduate Council Meeting Attendance







Other Items



Thank you!

