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Activities during Autumn 2008:
✓ Approved 1 candidacy committee
✓ Revised NGSP handbook
✓ Awarded travel funds to student
✓ Approved student requests
✓ Approved 4 new faculty to join NGSP program
✓ Instituted making NGSP Symposium and Retreat an annual event
✓ Created policy on senior student seminars
✓ Created NGSP recruitment brochure

Anyone interested in receiving brochures to distribute to prospective students, please contact Keri Bantze at keri.bantze@oumc.edu.

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Graduates

Summer 2008
Sharmila Venugopal – Postdoctoral researcher at Arizona State University

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Karin Berlin – 06/2008
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Awards

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