



MEMORANDUM

To: Deans, Chairs, Graduate Program Directors, and Graduate Enrollment Management Committee Members

From: Dr. Mark Riley, Interim Dean

Date: January 2, 2018

Subject: Tax Reform Bill

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have all had a most enjoyable break and are looking forward to 2018!

Before the break we had a lot of excitement regarding the new tax bill and I had sent you all an update on Dec. 16th. Just before Christmas this culminated in Congressional approval and then the President signing it into law on December the 22nd. It could have been a lot worse. Jonathan Nurse, the Director of Federal Relations in Washington for the Office of the Vice President for Research at FSU, wrote to me stating:

"While the bill is far from ideal, I'm pleased to see that the advocacy of students here at FSU and from around the country has resulted in preservation of the tax exemption for graduate tuition waivers and other employer provided tuition assistance. Additionally, the bill preserves the current deduction for student loan interest. Student efforts in response to initial versions of the bill demonstrates the importance of actively engaging our government."

Details of the impact of the new bill plus other related information can be found at <http://gradschool.fsu.edu/tax-bill-updates> . A direct link to Jonathan's updated FSU Federal Relations website can be found at <https://www.research.fsu.edu/research-offices/federal-relations/blog/>.

If any of you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me mriley@fsu.edu or Jonathan Nurse at jnurse@fsu.edu .

I would like to thank all of you for your concern and efforts on this critically important issue. Once again I would like to ask you to pass this information along to all of your/our fabulous students.

Thank you and all the best for the coming semester!