GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: APRIL 4TH, 2013 MELISSA KIZINA MOTSCH, PRESIDENT OF THE GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION



Grads represented at Chancellor Search Forum on March 18th

The GSO was able to draw some attendance at the student forum in Maxwell Auditorium on March 18th, where undergraduate and graduate students were invited to learn about the search and to give feedback.

GSO Finalizes Service Provider Contracts

After some negotiation and research, the GSO has reestablished contracts with most of our regular service providers, while making decisions to discontinue contracts with some others. Among those that will continue to serve the GSO are the Inn Complete and Student Legal Services. The GSO has put together a more comprehensive and diverse package for graduate student recreation in academic year 2013-14, which we are excited to unveil pending a positive vote from the senate at our budget meeting on April 24th.

Graduate Appreciation Week

In 1993, the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students proclaimed the week of April 1-5 National Graduate Student Appreciation Week. This year, the GSO brings this tradition to Syracuse University and will give away coffee, cocoa, & donuts to graduate students on the quad on April 3rd, and will host a wine tasting at the Inn Complete on August 6th to celebrate Grad Appreciation Week.

GSO Launches New Research Travel Grant

Four years ago, the GSO developed a Travel Grant program to help defray the costs of traveling to academic conferences. This program has become one of our most robust and popular, and the program budget has increased yearly to accommodate demand. This spring, we launched a sister program designed to assist students who need to travel for research that does not include academic conferences – travel to library archives, fieldsites, attendance at seminars, etc. We are immensely excited about this new program and are proud to have helped hundreds of students since the inception of the Travel Grant Program.