



President's Report to the Senate

Senate Organizational Meeting, September 30, 2015

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Academic Strategic Planning Implementation Oversight Committee (ASPIOC) Working Groups

The working groups of the ASPIOC are currently being formed. I would like to thank the graduate students who nominated themselves or their colleagues to join these working groups. I will share more updates as they become available.

New Health Insurance Committee

A new health insurance committee / working group will be formed in the next few days. This group will be charged to consider how the University can continue to sponsor a student health insurance plan that would ensure graduate students have access to an affordable, ACA-compliant plan. The scope will include consideration of both international and domestic student population needs. The group will work on identifying criteria for any future subsidization of graduate students, including fellows, GAs, TAs, and RAs.

We will have graduate student(s) sitting on this committee / working group. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact me at gso@syr.edu.

Tobacco-Free Advisory Committee

The Tobacco-Free Advisory Committee will reconvene in October to discuss how the committee can further support the new policy, including enforcement and additional signage. I have accepted to serve on this committee, however, if you or a colleague of your would really like to serve on this Committee, please reach out to me at gso@syr.edu.

University Senators

Placement of all elected University Senators on University Senate committees has been completed. The list of GSO University Senators and their committees can be found on the GSO website under the "Senate" menu item (gradorg.syr.edu/senate).