

GSO President's Report, Yousr Dhaouadi



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- **Funding efforts moving forward**

- Increasing the minimum stipend. Discussions were held and this is an attainable goal to achieve for the coming year.
 - **Current minimum** is \$16,485 over a 9-month academic year period. This equates to \$1,831/month.
 - **Desired minimum** is \$18,612. This is based on a survey the GSO conducted last year with the finding that a minimum monthly stipend should be \$2,068/month. Please reference April 2022 report to the BoT from GSO to see what went into this calculation.
- Allocating permanent internal funds for increased doctoral summer funding fellowships. 43 new fellowships granted this past summer, but this was from a one-time funding source (COVID-relief funds). Discussions were held and future support is receiving high attention from both the Graduate School and the Provost's office.

- **Graduate Housing Initiative**

In discussions with the Graduate School & Housing Office on campus, we will be moving forward in implementing a virtual tour option for students to view certain housing options and receive an overview on the housing process prior to arrival on campus. This would provide for an easier transition and allows students to arrive to Syracuse with housing confirmed.

[Click here for current housing search resources available.](#)

We thank Senator Kellin Tasber for motivating this conversation.

- **Honorary Degree Revocation**

In Spring 2022, the [University Senate passed a resolution](#) to rescind the Honorary degree granted by Syracuse University College of Law to Rudy Giuliani in 1989. Several student University senators signed on from both the GSO and the Student Association (SA).

Since then, the University issued out an honorary degree revocation report written by the Office of the Chancellor with a possible honorary degree revocation process. It is currently under review by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. The Office of the Chancellor has encouraged providing feedback.

Please send any comments to Gabe Coleman, director of project management and operations, at gbcolema@syr.edu, by October 26th. The report was shared with you as part of senate materials for this meeting. Please email [GSO Internal VP](#), Daniel J. Kimmel, for access to the report if needed.

- **Advocacy & Representation**

We are working on a new Student Spotlight initiative to highlight graduate students from across the entire campus. Stay tuned!