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- **Graduate report to the Board of Trustees (BoT)**

If you would like to see a copy of the report submitted to Syracuse University's BoT for the November meetings held last week, please email [gsointernalvp@syr.edu](mailto:gsointernalvp@syr.edu) requesting one or navigating to the GSO website. Report is posted on the GSO website ([gradorg.syr.edu](http://gradorg.syr.edu)) under *About > Reports to Board of Trustees*. You can also navigate there to see reports posted from previous years. Areas covered in the latest report were items summarized from what has been shared with the senate so far: the occurrence of a first-time Graduate Welcome session, GSO funding initiatives including advocating for a minimum annual academic year stipend to meet the ~\$23,000 cost of living estimate for the city of Syracuse, as well as an update on the Graduate Parental Accommodation policy.

- **GSO Climate Action**

The GSO's Climate Action Committee met with the undergraduate Student Association (SA) and discussed the goal of reaching carbon neutrality on campus by 2030. SA is in current close collaboration with the Chancellor and Le Moyne College on this effort, and GSO will be contributing their committee research towards a sustainability report currently being drafted by SA. The report will be finalized by mid-December.

- **University Senate & GSO**

The University Senate is contemplating introducing an annual report by GSO and SA to the University Senate. This would be a great opportunity to directly engage student voices with faculty, staff and all those representing the various facets of campus in the University Senate. We will keep you posted if this would materialize for the next academic year.

- **Alumni Engagement with GSO**

Recent Syracuse University Alumni Association (SUAA) Board meetings have motivated an effort to revisit the Alumni Engagement and Institutional Memory resolution drafted in late 2020. Our goal is to provide current graduate students with Alumna GSO members as resources (if they elect to be so) for advice, networking and even collaborations. If you have ideas on how you envision engaging the GSO with alumni, please email me ([gsopresident@syr.edu](mailto:gsopresident@syr.edu)). In the Spring, we will be inviting the SUAA President, Ryan McNaughton, also a current Syracuse University Trustee, to speak to us on ways he envisions alumni relations as a resource for graduate students.

- **Advocacy & Representation**

We will be advertising open seats for student representatives in various University Senate committees, particularly the Student Life committee. Stay tuned.