



M-04-16 Memorandum on Graduate Student Experience Committee

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1. Composition

- a. The Graduate Student Experience Committee (GSEC) shall be composed of Vice President of Internal Affairs, Director of Events, Vice President for External Affairs (when possible), Policy Analyst (when possible), Director of Graduate Partnerships (when possible), GPSS Creative Director (when possible), GPSS Treasurer (when possible) and any number of volunteer members that are graduate and professional students.
- b. The Vice President of Internal Affairs shall chair and oversee the functioning of the GSEC.
- b. Other recommended members and collaborators may include:
 - Core Programs, FIUTS, Housing and Food Services, Student Regent.

2. Function

The GSEC works with the Vice President for Internal Affairs and the Director of Events to ensure a high quality educational experience for all UW graduate and professional students. To that end, the GSEC serves to:

- a. assess the graduate and professional student experience through surveys, focus groups, and/or informal discussions with Senators and their constituents to ascertain the student needs and desires;
- b. design and organize social and informational events that build community among students of different departments and colleges and arms them with skills and information needed in graduate school and beyond. These events can be created and executed in collaboration with student associations, university organizations, and academic departments/colleges/schools;
- c. promote the GPSS' services and goals to the greater UW community and informs students, the administration, and other stakeholders of the GPSS' positions, events and activities;
- d. advocate for graduate and professional students and update the Senate on university issues and concerns related to student life broadly, such as technology, transportation, health, student fees, and student

services by staying abreast of the university policies and ensuring that they are in line with the GPSS priorities.

3. Meetings

a. The GSEC shall meet twice each quarter (Fall through Spring) and more if necessary.

4. Authority

a. Opinions of the GSEC shall not become official GPSS opinions until approved by a majority vote of the GPSS.

Presented to and Approved by the GPSS Executive Committee on