GSO Large Group Meeting
February 20, 2012
Present: Katie Friesen, Jessica Eckdahl, Annice Coughlin, Dan Garces, Stacy Stolzman, Maggie Hoffmann, Dmitry Khomyakov, Maggie Cinto, Michelle Nemer, Andrew Karls, David Angel, Keri Frantell

- Introductions by executive committee
- Campus updates
  - New Arts & Sciences Dean, more information is on website
    - GSO had helped provide names of some graduate students to the Dean hiring committee, for dinner with candidates
  - Strategic planning
    - January 30 workshop was a “huge success”
      - More information about the workshop can be found on MU website
    - February 6 workshop for graduate students also held, moderated by Megan Petrik, who presented her findings to the Board of Graduate Studies
      - Workshop notes on GSO website
  - Remarks by Dr. Kevin Gibson, Associate Dean of the Graduate School and faculty adviser to the GSO:
    - Thanks GSO for getting the voice of graduate students out there and heard
      - The “message is getting through”
      - Encourages graduate students to get involved
  - Katie Friesen, Chair:
    - People on campus really contacting us
      - Re-accreditation
        - This process helps make a Marquette education more meaningful
        - Self-study is posted online at MU website
          - Still time to provide feedback
        - Higher Learning Commission staff are coming to campus to interview Marquette community, see how well staff and students view Marquette University
    - Leadership positions
      - Vitally important to get more GSO leadership, or else all progress will have been wasted
      - Open positions include:
        - Chair, Vice-Chair, Service Chair
          - All are elected, election poll will circulate in April
        - Open committees (Board for Student Media, Master Facilities Planning Committee, Committee on Academic Policies and Issues, Board of Graduate Studies)
          - After receiving applications of interested students, the executive committee appoints each representative to
ensure he or she will attend each committee meeting, advocate for graduate students

- Email GSO@marquette.edu if you are interested in any of the above positions by March 27, 2013
  - You can also anonymously nominate someone by emailing the above email
    - Department rep positions also available, email GSO@marquette.edu

- Upcoming events
- Happy Hour on February 22, 2013
- Career Services Overview, March 5 2-3pm
  - GSO is collaborating with the Career Services Center to provide an overview of their services, as well as job tips, to graduate and professional students

- Katie’s description of Facilities Master Planning Committee (now accepting applications of interested candidates)
  - It is a good time to be on the committee, lots of decisions ahead
    - Example: currently discussing renovations to the Historic Core of MU buildings
  - The committee is thinking about how they will be going forward
  - They make informed recommendations that are sent to upper administration
  - Networking on the committee is fantastic
    - Committee members always want to know more about graduate students

- Issues/topics raised by others in the meeting
  - Maggie Cinto: has really enjoyed her time on the Committee on Academic Technology – learn about higher education, technology, great networking
  - Issues raised about health insurance for graduate students
    - One student hadn’t seen Health Services yet cover anything for the few times he has gone there for treatment
  - Parking Services
    - Discussion of new discounted rate offered to graduate students (one month or two month pass)
  - Maggie Hoffman: History graduate assistantships
    - Concerned, biweekly pay checks should be monthly
  - Office of Research Compliance issue
    - Why can’t grants we work for and get not apply to our graduate assistantships? We do all this work and see no reward for it.
    - Is there a policy we can show to department about this issue?