

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?