Outline of Issue

2022-2023 GSA Board Strategic Work Plan

Suggested Motion:

That GSA Council RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION the 2022-2023 GSA Board Strategic Work Plan.

Background:

The 2022-2023 GSA Board Strategic Work Plan (SWP) was prepared by the GSA Directly-Elected Officers (DEOs), to direct efforts in the coming year and identify areas in which to work with others in the University community. This latest iteration builds upon past SWPs and incorporates initiatives of importance for the current team.

This year’s SWP development started with the DEOs participating in several workshop sessions to discuss initiatives and priorities for 2022-2023. This work was accompanied by a survey to all graduate students and a survey directly to members of GSA Council (as well as discussion at the May 2022 meeting of GSA Council). Based on the feedback received, a draft of the SWP was developed and further reviewed and refined by the GSA Board on 22 June and 29 June 2022.

Following GSA Council’s receipt of the Board SWP for information, this outward facing document will be released to University administration, other stakeholders, advocacy partners, and the GSA membership at large. DEOs will, likewise, begin meeting with key individuals to discuss the initiatives and goals developed in the Board SWP. As always, reports on progress with these initiatives will be provided to GSA Council in October, January, and April, in addition to the oral and written reports DEOs provide monthly.

Jurisdiction:

Post-Secondary Learning Act, Section 94(3):
“The graduate students association of a university shall provide for the administration of graduate student affairs at the university, including ... the promotion of the general welfare of the graduate students consistent with the purposes of the university.”

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section F.POL.3.2.a:
“The GSAB is the senior administrative authority of the GSA as delegated to it by GSA Council.”

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section D.POL.5.1.i:
“The President leads development of a strategic work plan for the GSA, in concert with the other DEOs [Directly-Elected Officers].”