

## **GSA Action Items 2017-2018**

### **GSA**

#### **Administration**

#### **MA/PhD Committee**

#### **Other**

#### *Campus and Student Resources*

- Begin an annual town hall for graduate students with Deans Rothman, Ziegelstein, Espenshade, and other administration officials **GSA Administration**
- Increase awareness of health care coverage by holding a health care town hall twice a year. Can we pass this off to the new Wellness Office for future planning **GSA Dr. Patti Anderson**
- Increase awareness of mental health resources and better understand of the state of student mental health
  - Obtain statistics on the student body and compare with national trends. Interface with **Patti Anderson** to increase awareness of resources
  - Get a student on the Task Force for Mental Health and Wellbeing **Administration**
- Hold a safety town hall and improve student attendance **GSA**
- Hold a seminar on taxes and financial planning **GSA**
- Hold 1-2 seminars on communication and mentoring **GSA**
- Hold a seminar on how to handle inappropriate behavior in the lab environment **GSA**
- Create a central list of TA opportunities across the medical campus **Administration**
- Advocate for student access to retirement plan and childcare vouchers **GSA**
- Sponsor and advertise the Three Minute Thesis competition to answer requests for opportunities to build presentation skills **GSA**

#### *Student Welfare and Equity*

- Create an ombudsman program for the graduate students **GSA Administration MA/PhD**
- Streamline the OIE reporting system and guarantee feedback to students following a complaint **Administration**
- Examine how to integrate department inappropriate action reporting with OIE. Determine if this is a beneficial option **Administration MA/PhD**
- Determine if fear of reporting backlash is perceived or has actually occurred **GSA**
- Track outside speaker demographics for the half of the academic year to assess student complaints about lack of women and POC invited to give presentations. Ask the GSA Diversity & Inclusion Committee and the SoM Diversity Council to help with this effort **GSA**
- Host a series of Race, Gender, and Equality in Science talks/town halls. Reach out to identity-based groups (DPAC, BSA, GWEN, Gertrude Stein) as co-sponsors. From survey feedback, make sure to include socioeconomic status as part of the conversations **GSA**
- Interface with JHPDA to compare survey statistics and determine what common actions are needed **GSA**
- Advocate for non-Hopkins health care coverage for students who have followed PIs to other institutions **MA/PhD**

## *GSA*

- Have one invited guest at each GSA general meeting to give a brief overview of their position and the resources they offer to graduate students. Ex: Dr. Peter Espenshade, Dr. Patti Anderson, Mary Vincitore **GSA**
- Create a more cohesive executive board through: a term transition retreat, quarterly meetings including dinner **GSA**
- Create a more inclusive atmosphere with student representatives: yearly orientation, quarterly meetings, program representative happy hours **GSA**
- Bring in more students to GSA meetings with food and happy hour. Encourage program representatives to actively recruit students from their graduate programs **GSA**
- Create a regular GSA coffee hour to foster relationships amongst the student body **GSA**
- Build a resource hub for graduate students via the newly launched GSA website **GSA**
- Schedule a coffee hour or lunch with the convocation speaker for graduate students **GSA**
- Interface with JHPDA on event planning and common advocacy interests **GSA**
- Increase SoM participation in interschool events **GSA**

## *Infrastructure*

- Obtain access to a study room on the southwest side of campus (near CRB and Armstrong) **Administration**
- GSA lounge improvements:
  - Put surround sound in the lounge **GSA**
  - Obtain recycling bins for the lounge and working light fixture in kitchen **GSA**
  - Tune the piano in the lounge **GSA (Peabody?)**
  - Get IT to fully set up printer with computers in lounge **GSA Eric Lee?**
  - Make labels for how to operate the printer, and the TV hookups **GSA**
  - Obtain Chromecast or other device to project Mac computers on the TV **GSA**

## *Community Engagement*

- Hold a community organizations fair to increase graduate student awareness of the Baltimore community **GSA Administration?**
- Create list of volunteer opportunities **GSA**
- Sponsor a GSA community service event **GSA**
- Hold naloxone training for graduate students **GSA CPR Office?**
- Hold CPR training for graduate students **GSA CPR Office**