

Graduate Assistants United

Exec-Board Present: JB, Liz, Patrick, Joanna, Sam, Kathryn

Brief GAU Introduction (for those who have never attended):

1. We are the GA union on campus; we bargain with the administration for GA rights.
2. For example, we have obtained health insurance (in 2013), increased minimum stipends for the last two years, won fee deferment, etc.
3. We also provide legal representation in any employment dispute, but only if you are a member at the time of the incident.
4. Senators attend the twice-annual UFF meeting, which is composed of GAs from other Florida colleges and Florida faculty; there, we motion and vote for policies that UFF will advocate for in the Florida Legislature.

Governance

1. Approval of the February meeting minutes
 - a. ...I think we skipped this entirely, because no one but executives attended this meeting.
2. Elections
 - a. Since no one ran against anyone else, all nominations win by acclamation according to Article II, Section 5 of our bylaws.
 - i. co-Presidents: Sam Badger and Patrick Templeton
 - ii. co-Organizing: Elizabeth Kiebel and Enrique González
 - iii. Treasurer: Joanna Lawler
 - iv. Secretary: Kelly Osterman
 - v. Webmaster: Tanya De Dios
 - vi. Bargaining: Yujie Guo and Zulqarnain Haider
 - vii. However, we are still in search for a Communications Chair, Grievance Chair, Legislative Outreach Chair, and 14 Senators!
 1. Maybe Courtney Clute for communications chair?
 2. We're nominating everyone on the board for senator, plus JB and Kathryn.
3. Governance of a different kind...GAU should make an appearance at the March 21st USF-presidential-candidates conversation(s?) at USF Tampa Sam Gibbons Traditions Hall (time TBA according to [this schedule](#) posted online).
 - a. Who wants to/can attend? (We should hopefully have a more specific schedule by this meeting, but don't as of the time I'm writing this agenda item. -Kathryn)
 - b. Liz will ask Karena to send an announcement for this, and to change the social to Mermaid.

Finance

1. Health insurance cost increase - we might not have to pay out-of-pocket, but we'd need to pay a higher deductible.

Organizing

1. Triage! There's only so much we can do, and we're focusing largely on building membership.
2. Wear red every Wednesday (statewide FEA-UFF action) and post a picture to social media with #FundOurFutureFL .
3. Summary of Senate organizing meeting and rally
 - a. Mark calendars for April 10th UFF Higher Ed Day of Action
4. To get more involved with legislative actions, attend organizing meetings (this Friday, 3-5 pm at WoB and next Weds 3/27 from 6:30-7:30 in NEC 300).

Communications

1. Sexual harassment survey in the works.
2. We need to update GSO contacts -- I've started an email chain from contacts we have, but I haven't heard from anyone yet.
3. Karena is stepping down at the end of April.

Legislative Affairs

1. Kathryn should email Liz about H.B. 831, rollback of voting rights.

Miscellaneous

1. Are there any concerns you have for your department? How can GAU serve you?
2. Next member social - March 27 (next Wednesday), 6 - 8 p.m., at Southern Brewing!
3. And the April 5th kickball social! At Henry and Ola Park in Seminole Heights, from 5 - 8 p.m., pending the city's approval?
 - a. Have ppl RSVP by March 27th so Joanna can get a proper headcount and get monies.
4. Executive transition meeting at some point.