



Drexel University Student Life Committee Board of Trustees Meeting  
9 December 2008  
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Graduate Student Association December 2008 Progress Report

GSA Board: *The GSA Board would like to thank the Board of Trustees and Drexel University for their continuing guidance and support.*

President: Sara Ansaloni, PhD Candidate, Department of Biology

Vice President: Christopher Castillo, PhD Candidate, Department of Chemistry

Treasurer: Sameer Kalghatgi, PhD Candidate, Department of Electrical Engineering

Secretary: Jacqueline Yim, PhD Candidate, Department of Chemical Engineering

Webmaster: Ryan Young, MS Student, iSchool

Advisor: Dr. Tek Lim, Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Studies

GSA Staff:

Chief of Staff: Jonathan Haulenbeek, PhD Candidate, Department of Chemistry

Deputy Secretary: Shoko Nogusa, PhD Candidate, Department of Biology

Divisions:

GSA Soccer League

GSA Soccer League Chief Commissioner: Manuel Figueroa, PhD Candidate, Department of Biomedical Engineering

Commissioners: Patrick Kirby, Seeni Komolafe, Nick Paparoidamis

Athletic Department Attaché: Stephen Koch, Associate Director of Recreational Sports,  
Department of Athletics

8 captains/teams, 104 players

Social Committee

Chair: Christopher Novak, PhD Student, Department of Mathematics

11 committee members

Graduate Alumni Committee

Chair: Thomas Johnson, MS '08, Adjunct Professor

17 committee members (including iStudents, a Sacramento student, and other alumni)

Representatives:

Diversity Representative: Andrew Sather

Drexel Green Representative: Laurie Cotroneo

1. Continued Representation/Involvement (>70, previously 4): 4 Board members, 2 Representatives, 2 Staff members, 4 Soccer League Commissioners, 11 Social Committee members, 17 Graduate Alumni Committee members, and >30 Senators
  - a. Drexel University Committees
    - i. GSA President Sara Ansaloni, Mentor Award Committee Chair, TA Awards Committee, and Student Health Advisory Committee
    - ii. GSA Vice President Christopher Castillo, Grants Committee of the Alumni Board of Governors, Graduate 101 Panel Chair, and Mentor Award Committee
    - iii. GSA Treasurer Sameer Kalghatgi, Mentor Award Committee
    - iv. GSA Secretary Jaqueline Yim, Balancing Graduate School Panel Chair and Mentor Award Committee
    - v. GSA Representatives
      1. Andrew Sather, Diversity Representative
      2. Laurie Cotroneo, Drexel Green Representative
  - b. GSA Staff and Divisions
    - i. Chief of Staff Jonathan Haulenbeek appointed by GSA VP Christopher Castillo, GSA Board approved
    - ii. Deputy Secretary Shoko Nogusa appointed by GSA Secretary Jacqueline Yim, GSA Board approved
    - iii. GSA Soccer League (GSL) Chief Commissioner Manuel Figueroa appointed by GSA VP Christopher Castillo, GSA Board approved
      1. Commissioners Patrick Kirby, Seeni Komolafe, and Nick Paparoidamis appointed by Chief Commissioner Figueroa
      2. 8 captains, volunteered/GSL Commission approved
      3. 104 players
      4. Rules and regulations constructed with the advice of Dan Simmons and Stephen Koch, GSL Athletic Department Attaché (member of GSL Commission, October 2008)
      5. Rules updated/modified for second half of season from lessons learned
    - iv. Social Committee (GSC) Chair Christopher Novak appointed by GSA VP Christopher Castillo, GSA Board approved
      1. 11 committee members (part-time, full-time, and an *i*Student)
    - v. Graduate Alumni Committee (GAC) Chair Thomas Johnson (alumnus) appointed by GSA VP Christopher Castillo, GSA Board approved
      1. 17 committee members (alumni, part-time, full-time, *i*Students, and a Sacramento student)
2. Financing and Allocation
  - a. Funding Allocation Budget evaluated (meeting with GSA President Ansaloni, GSA Vice President Castillo, Dean of Students Dr. Ruth, Jessica Edonick (formally Grace), and Joe Gonzalez)
    - i. School of Law fully under its government
    - ii. School of Public Health placed under GSA umbrella
    - iii. GSA to pay directly for DUST and CAB
  - b. Funding to GSA daughter organizations: \$41,700.00
  - c. GSA and daughter organization total expenditures: \$16,264.77 spent on 37 events; \$598.00 in fundraising

### 3. GSA Activities

#### a. GSA Events

- i. Welcome Back Bowling, September 2008 (~200 attendees)
- ii. Delaware Valley Hiking Trip, October 2008 (93 attendees)

#### b. Co-sponsored Events

- i. Drexel Vote Rally (USGA and the Office of Civic Engagement)
- ii. Drexel International Carnival (USGA and the Office of International Programs)
- iii. Jorge Cham Event/Social (University of Pennsylvania)

#### c. Planned Events

- i. Save the Pandas Charity Fundraiser (GSA Board and GSC)
- ii. Graduate Student Day (7 May 2009) (GSA Board, Staff, and Divisions)
- iii. Regular Monthly Social (GSC)
- iv. New Year's Welcome Back Party (GSC)
- v. Winter Ski Trip (GSC)
- vi. Spring Canoeing Trip (GSC)
- vii. GSL Tournament/Barbeque (GSL and GSC)
- viii. Graduate Alumni Convention (GAC and GSC)
- ix. Graduate workshop(s) (GAC)
- x. Panel Discussion: Regions of Cultural and Religious Conflict

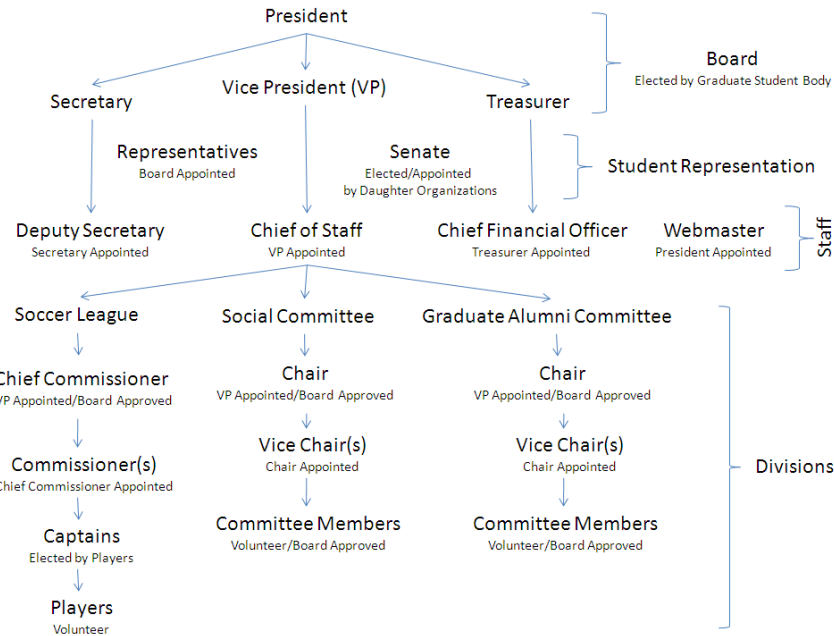
- d. GSA website continuing to succeed and Facebook page established
- e. GSA sign designed, ordered, paid, and posted outside office shared with USGA and Goodwin
- f. All GSA and daughter organizations actively and timely advertizing events and recruiting

### 4. Outreach (Intercollegiate Interaction/Events)

- a. Meeting with graduate student associations of University of Pennsylvania and University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (25 November 2008)
  - i. University City Graduate Student Coalition (UCGC) founded 25 November 2008
    1. Drexel, Penn, and USP
  - ii. Proposed events
    1. January UCGC Social
      - a. USP lead
    2. March UCGC Advancement of Education Initiative in collaboration with the Franklin Institute and Philadelphia Public Schools
      - a. Drexel/Penn lead
    3. UCGC Charity
      - a. Penn lead
    4. May UCGC Soccer Tournament
      - a. Drexel lead (GSC and GSL Commission co-organized)

### 5. Achievements

- a. Health insurance awarded to all full-time PhD fellows (TA, RA, etc.)
- b. TA Award Nomination Committee and GSA President Sara Ansaloni revised and implemented the nomination procedure (form online at: [www.drexel.edu/graduatestudies](http://www.drexel.edu/graduatestudies))
- c. Recycling campaign/fundraiser ready for implementation
- d. GSA given oversight/planning of Graduate Student Day in its entirety



**President** (1 of 4 Board members, elected by graduate student body): Board Chair; figurehead and representative for GSA; responsible for all GSA functions, transactions, programs, and administration; understand and able to perform all Board member duties

**Webmaster:** Organizes, updates, and maintains the GSA website; technical advisor to the Board (President appointed/Board approved)

**Vice President (VP)** (1 of 4 Board members, elected by graduate student body): Board Vice Chair; works closely with the President to formulate and execute all GSA functions, transactions, programs, and administration; assumes Presidential responsibilities upon necessity; advisor to all GSA Divisions; understand and able to perform all Board member duties; supervising Board member of the Chief of Staff

**Chief of Staff (CoS):** Supervisor of all GSA Divisions; aid to Vice President (VP appointed/Board approved)

**Committee Chair(s)/League Chief Commissioner:** Organizer and chief executive of their “Division” (VP appointed/Board approved)

**Committee Vice Chair(s)/League Commissioner(s):** aid to Chair/Chief Commissioner (Chair/Chief Commissioner appointed)

**Committees (GAC and GSC):** enhance the graduate student life, community, experience, and life-long fraternity (volunteer/Board approved)

**GSA Soccer League:** provide relaxation, interaction, and spirited competition (volunteer)

**Secretary** (1 of 4 Board members, elected by graduate student body): keep records; traffic communication; take minutes; distribute communiqué; supervising Board member of the Deputy Secretary

**Deputy Secretary:** aid to Secretary (Secretary appointed)

**Treasurer** (1 of 4 Board members, elected by graduate student body): communicate approval/denial of funds; keep financial records of GSA and daughter organizations; be proficient in the funding procedures and protocol; supervising Board member of the Chief Financial Officer

**Chief Financial Officer (CFO):** aid to Treasurer (Treasurer appointed)

Approval of changes to the GSA constitution, “Board Approved/Appointed”, all financial approvals/denials, and policy changes must be approved unanimously by the Board.