

Representatives,

There are several links in this email that may be useful to you and your constituents. The first one is a description of each Cabinet position that was discussed in the meeting. Also, there is a google doc for signing up for each specific Cabinet position or Area of Interest. Both links can be found in the **Cabinet Positions** section of the minutes. Also, the following is a link to a spreadsheet that will allow you to sign-up and represent the Grad. SGA at the last two JCREW meetings of the semester: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kd3TqbRW2N1bWgiS7PYUnw2FW2DdehzWSxDIRq6SWwk/edit?usp=sharing>. Finally, attached to this email is the registration form for the "Give A Smile" 5K Run/Walk.

If you need more information or have any concerns please use the following email addresses to contact the officers of the Graduate SGA:

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Please see below for information from this week's meeting:

Upcoming Events

MCG Talent Show: Friday, November 7th at 7 PM in Lee Auditorium; tickets will be \$5 and all proceeds will go toward the new GRU Equality Clinic.

International Festival: Wednesday, November 12th, from 11:30 AM to 1 PM in the Wellness Center on the Health Sciences campus; there will be **free food** from various cultures and vendors; please promote this event within your program/class!

"Give A Smile" 5K Run/Walk: Saturday, November 8th, at Lake Olmstead; the run will start at 9 AM and the walk will start at 9:10; \$25 per person prior to race day, \$30 per person on race day; for more information and registration, visit www.giveasmilefoundation.org

Heart Walk

The Grad. SGA has been charged with promoting the Heart Walk, getting teams together for the walk, and fundraising for the event. Each school/program should have a team that participates in the walk. The walk is scheduled for March 7, 2015 at the Greenway in North Augusta. There is also a team captain kick-off in early January. There are plans for the Grad. SGA to have its own team.

Cabinet Positions

These following positions will be open to any member of the Grad. SGA Reps., as well as all GRU graduate and professional students:

1) Facilities, Infrastructure, & Public Safety 2) Public Relations 3) Student Services 4) Finances 5) First Year Experience 6) Communications

Members of the cabinet will serve as liaisons between the Grad. SGA and the various areas of interest. These positions will also require that students develop relationships with administrators and staff in various office and facilities on campus who can assist in handling concerns and issues.

For more information about these positions:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/13UkoDO2bxbbybepkOD-BgrEUrDcle1Li1zJZ3Xgv2IQ/edit?usp=sharing>

To sign up for positions or areas of interests:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/192ecosAWPmvcOP1NN1YT6lVWvwt4tLyXNUnQG6Mz2i0/edit?usp=sharing>

House Bill 01: Graduate Representation

Currently 1 representative is elected for every 100 students in each program. A bill is currently being drafted and will state that students are allowed to elect a representative if they have 50 students. The only issue with this bill is whether representation can be granted for programs with less than 50 students. It was recommended that a program should be able to have 1 represent, no matter how many students they have. More details about this bill will be sent out later on, and it will be voted on at the next Grad. SGA general body meeting.

New IT Help Desk

Student input is requested so that the new IT Help Desk can best serve the students. Any interesting ideas and improvements are welcome. So far it has been recommended to have better trained technology specialists, to fix or replace the computers in the library, and to send out a survey and requests ideas from the student body about the initiative. If you are interested in this endeavor, please email President Webster.

Survey

The survey will assess students' interest in a 24-hour library and student radio station. This survey will provide quantitative data that will serve as substantial evidence to prove that there is actual student interest in these initiatives. More information about sending out the survey will be available soon.

Grad. SGA Charity

The Mustards Seeds Community has been selected as the charity that the Grad. SGA will sponsor this academic year. This charity supports disabled children who were abandoned by their families and require special care to meet their most basic needs. More information about the sponsorship of this charity will come soon.

Chili Cook-Off

Many volunteers will be needed for this event and it is important to start promoting it within your program/school as soon as possible. The cook-off will be held on Saturday, February 21,

2015, and will take place during the GRU Homecoming basketball game. Again, please promote this event within your program/class!

Updating organizations in "Community"

“Community” is the website/system where GRU students should go to update information about their student organizations. Organizations need to update their profiles so that they are reactivated and able obtain funding. The following link provides information on how to log-on to "Community":

<http://gru.edu/students/organizations/logon.php>