GSA Strategic Work Plan Update

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2016-2017 GSA Team

• President and 4 VPs elected annually
• Managed by a professional support team
• SWP helps guide the budget and resources for the GSA, determine goals, and build partnerships
Consultation Process

• Organic process; inspired by ISP consultation
• Facilitated workshop for new/old elected teams (April)
• Discussion at GSA Board (May onward)
• Brainstorming session in GSA Council (June)
• Silent Discussion in GSA Council (July)
• Roundtable Discussions open to all grad students and feedback sought via the GSA newsletter (July/Aug)
Restructured SWP

• Core themes
  • Advocate, Engage, Negotiate, Support, Sustain

• Reorganized SWP under themes
  • Goals, Objectives, Strategies, 2016-2017 Actions

• Annual actions and goals with long-term guidance
Highlights

• Equitable and welcoming campus community where all grad students feel encouraged to actively learn and participate...

• And are given reasonable accommodation to ensure success

• Effective engagement with, and advocacy for, grad students
Equitable and welcoming campus community where all grad students feel encouraged to actively learn and participate...

• Communication and supervisory training

• Collective Agreement compliance

• Culture change, where grad students treated with respect and viewed as junior colleagues
and are given reasonable accommodation to ensure success

- Sustainable living funding packages for all thesis-based students
- Stable and predictable tuition rates and international differential fees
- Mental health resources
Effective engagement with, and advocacy for, grad students

• Advocate for more accessible application process for permanent residency by international students

• Provincial review of labour legislation and right-to-strike

• Review the H&D Plan and our services

• Improve experience in residences
Questions?

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