GSA Presentation

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GSA MISSION STATEMENT

- Ensure graduate students have access to quality services that support their academic success;
- Advocate for the unique needs and concerns of graduate students on and off campus;
- Build a cohesive graduate student community
GSA Governing Structure

Governance

Members  GSA Council  Executive
GSA Executive Council
2013/2014 Areas Focus

1. Services
2. Events
3. Campaigns
4. Student Representation
5. Aboriginal Liaison
## Services/Events

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Campaigns

1. Review graduate students’ funding
2. Review university residence policies and procedures
3. Include graduates with advance degrees in Saskatchewan’s Graduate Retention Program (GRP)
4. Create ombudsperson position
Academic/Research Integrity

- We received 18 academic and research integrity complaints in 2012/2013 session
- This number increased to 40 in 2013/2014 academic year
- Currently, GSA’s focus is on prevention by emphasizing understanding student supervisor relationship/expectations
GSA in University Committees

- We sent representatives to all required Council and Senate committees.
- The GSA was represented in several university search committees.
- We collaborated with the College of Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) in areas of mutual interest.
External Events

- Canadian Association of Graduate Studies’ (CAGS) conference in Montreal
- Canadian Federation of Students’ (CFS) meetings in Ottawa
- Western Canadian GSAs meeting in Calgary
- GU-15 GSA meeting in Edmonton
Members Participation

General Elections

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Source: U of S ICT
Members Participation contd.

Orientation

Years

Participants

Source: GSA Archive
2014 Referendum

- Yes: 63%
- No: 36%
- Abstain: 1%

Source: U of S ICT
GSA Awards Gala: About 270 people attended in 2013
About 400 Guests attended 2014 GSA Gala
Team Effort
Thank You!

2013/2014 GSA Executives