

2021-2022 Yearly Updates



- Worked with the Undergraduate Student Government to revise the Registered Student Organization manuals.
- Edited the constitution and bylaws and submitted them for formal acceptance in accordance with University Rule.
- Advocated for a university-sponsored healthcare option for uninsured students with members of the administration.
 - Developed an ad hoc Health Insurance Committee to develop and distribute a survey to all graduate students that would assess current needs and abilities in regard to obtaining health insurance.
 - Analyzed survey data and wrote a 74-page report for members of the administration who are exploring the possibility of implementing healthcare via the university.
- Filled all University Council Standing Committee positions with at least two graduate students per committee.
- Created “Departmental Representative” liaison positions within GSG to improve communication across the entire campus.
- Updated the GSG webpage on the university of Akron’s website.
- Collaborated with the Graduate School and the International Center to expand orientation procedures and access for all graduate students.
- Distributed funds to graduate student members of organizations and individual applicants for the Professional Enrichment Grant.
- Participated in the selection and interview process for the next student member of the Board of Trustees.
- Provided feedback to the admissions staff on how potential students view the University of Akron in order to improve recruitment.
- Worked with the Department of Student Life to plan SpringFest and offer suggestions to improve graduate student attendance.
- Provided updates to University Council, Faculty Senate, and Graduate Council.
- Held multiple graduate student forums to solicit feedback on the overall graduate student experience at the University of Akron.
 - Informal report found that many graduate students are satisfied with their experience within departments and have great rapport with their faculty, but overall campus involvement/communication, mental health resource availability, the lack of health insurance through the university, livable wages for stipends, and overwhelming workloads relative to other responsibilities in their lives remain consistent issues.
- Discussed campus resources for graduate students and advocated for greater advertisement of said services with ZipAssist, the Graduate School, the Dean of Students, the Department of Student Life, and the Vice President of Student Affairs.
- Met monthly with President Miller and his chief of staff to discuss sensitive and pertinent issues affecting students, particularly regarding COVID-19 policies and procedures, campus safety, and campus development.
- Interviewed student candidates for the University Hearing Board.
- Designated the qualifications, analyzed applicants, selected winners, wrote scripts, and presented the graduate student LIFE Awards.
- Designed the application, election procedures, and transition documents for the next GSG administration.