Priorities of the Graduate Student Government

2016-2017 academic year

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Our mission

Improving the graduate student experience at Princeton through advocacy, services offered, and the creation of community.

Our capabilities:

• 10 executive board members that drive initiatives
• 45 Assembly members, participate and disseminate info
• $40,000 annual budget
What is at stake

• Graduate academic experience: 95% good+
• Non-academic and student life: <70% good+

2013 Survey results
Challenge #1: Inclusion

“Community” on campus?

- Undergrads
- Grads

GSG Initiatives:

1. Increase funding (+15%) for GSG Events Board
2. Inter-departmental mixers
3. Collaborations with Diversity & Inclusion
4. Graduate Student Center pilot project
Challenge #2: **Residency**

- Graduate students want to live on campus
- How can Princeton meet graduate student demand?

**GSG Initiatives:**

- **Graduate Housing Project** - Collaborative effort with administration:
  - Graduate housing supply and demand
  - Identify areas for improvement in housing operations
  - Housing concerns of niche groups such as families
Challenge #3: **Professional Development**

- Princeton expected to grow in graduate students
- “Tenure-track” is a minority of positions nation-wide.
- How to prepare Master’s and PhD’s for job market?

**Student Placement (at time of FPO)**

- Tenure/Tenure-Track: 12%
- Postdoc: 31%
- Other Academic: 11%
- Non-Academic: 26%
- Misc: 7%
- Not Placed: 13%

Challenge #3: Professional Development

GSG Initiatives:

1. Collaboration on Graduate Career Fair
2. Graduate Student Professional Reorientation

Graduate Students

Academia
• McGraw Center
• Writing Center
• Etc.

Industry
• Career Services
• Internships
• Etc.

Entrepreneurship
• Keller Center eLab
• Entrepreneurship Courses
• Etc.
Thank you!

**GRADUATE STUDENT COMMUNITY**

**Inclusion, Residency, and Professional Development** will drive:

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