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Welcome!

Graduate Student Council
General Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, 02/07/2024



GA Agenda

- **GSC Rep Attendance (5 minutes)**
- **Exec Board Updates (10 minutes)**
- **Proposed GSC Bylaw Changes (30 minutes)**
- **GSC Bylaws and Constitution Vote (5 minutes)**
- **School Reports/Open Discussion (10 minutes)**

President



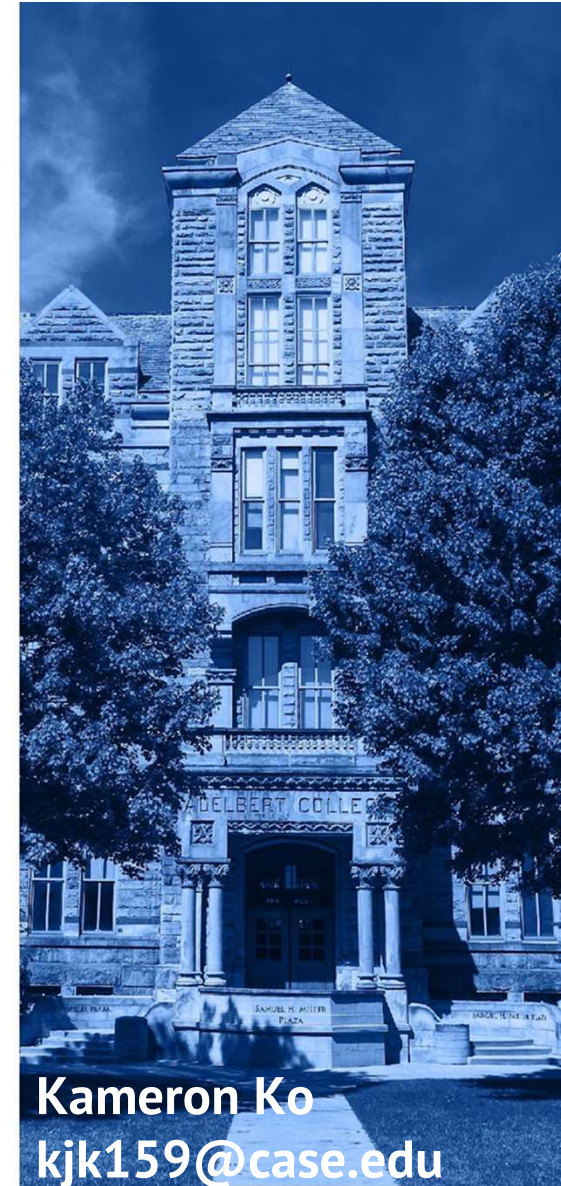
- Monthly Meetings with President Kaler
 - [TBD]
- Meetings with Interim Provost Ward and Interim VPSA Whiting
 - [TBD]
- President's Roundtable
 - [TBD]



VP of Internal Communications



- A warm welcome to our new GSC Reps!
- **GSC 102** was a success: **150** confirmed attendees
- Please designate a proxy in the case of a scheduling conflict and send an email prior to GA (**24-hour rule**)



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GSC

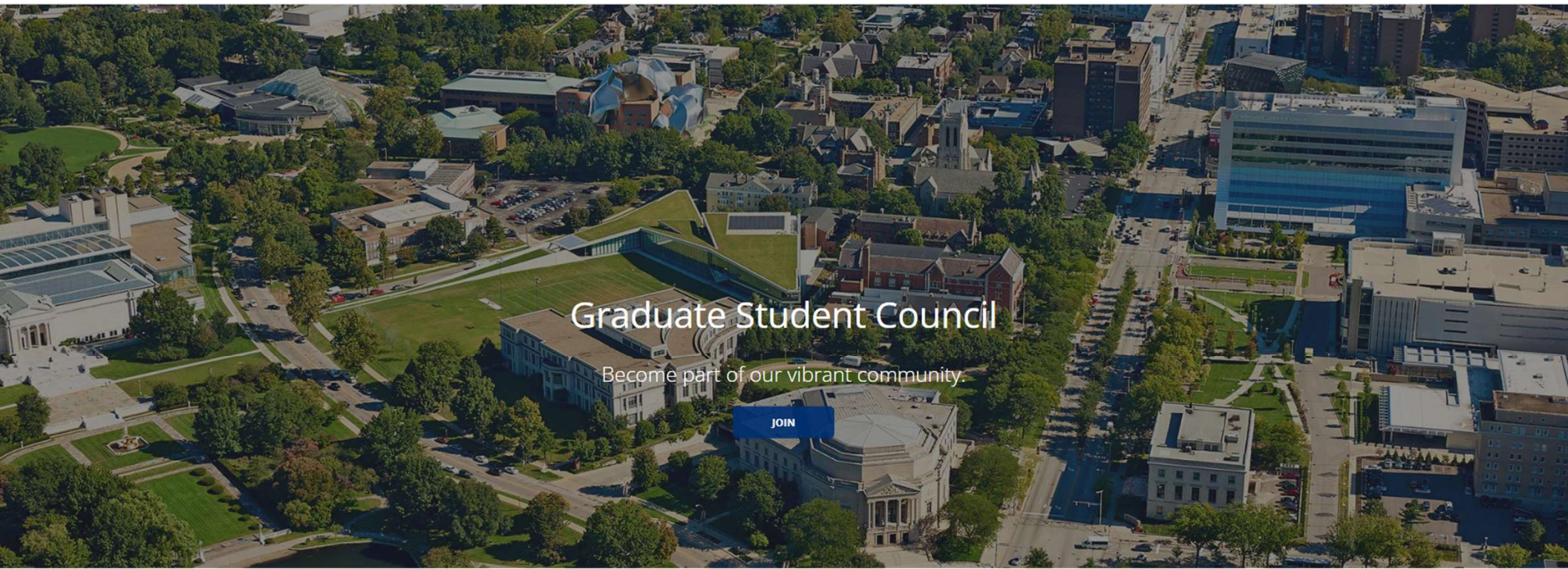


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GSC Rep Attendance



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Documents

[Important Documents](#)

[GA Meeting Minutes](#)



VP of Marketing & Communication



GSC

- GSC Reps, we hope you enjoy the Columbia bottles :)
 - Come to TC or Gaby at the end of today's meeting to pick it up!
 - Order was put in for Spring Merch and Appreciation, more info to come!
- Newsletters: Keep submitting the form (due Saturday night); thank you for reading (75-80% open rate)
- Sign up to join a Marketing committee: meals provided for in-person meetings; inform your peers; ~1 hr/week commitment
 - Marketing campaigns to share information about RTA student pass vote + any other relevant information to the graduate/professional student body
 - Sharing information about GSC Executive Board for elections in April & May
 - Possibly redesigning the GSC logo to something more related to a graduate student body
 - <https://forms.gle/OCpak4jx7xo8L39L8>

A vertical photograph on the right side of the slide, tinted in a deep blue color. It shows a classic black street lamp in the foreground, with bare tree branches and a building facade visible in the background.

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VP of Finance



Fall

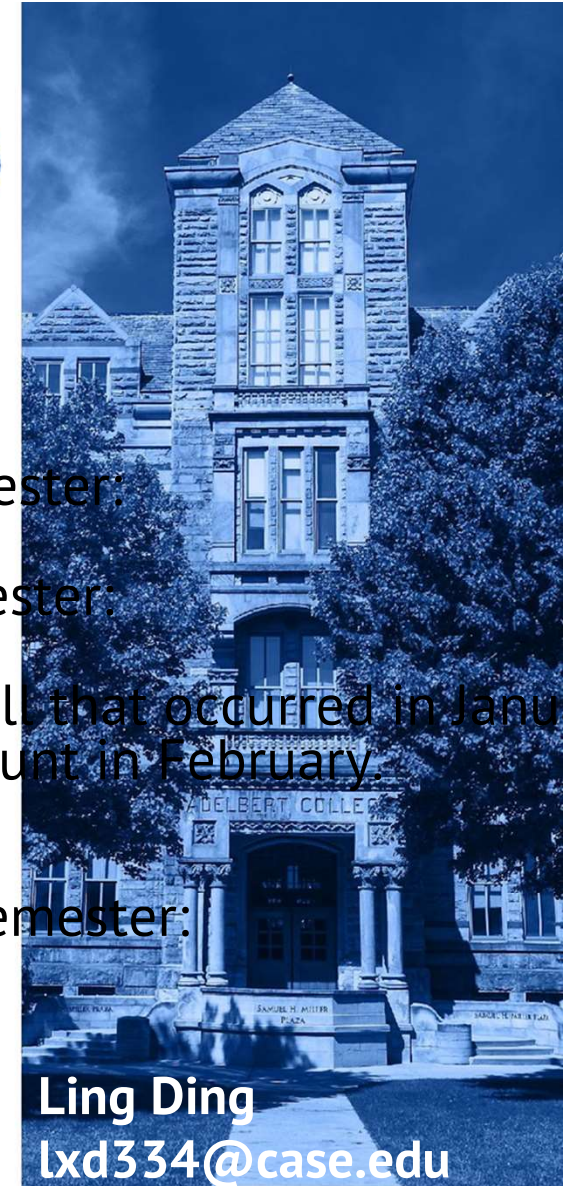
- Approved **\$101,629.**
- Amount w **\$77,459.1**

Starting Month	Cumulative Expenses
7	\$8,857.63
8	\$23,723.39
9	\$24,552.25
10	\$47,835.06
11	\$62,287.34
12	\$77,459.10

- Some expenses from the fall that occurred in January will be charged to the account in February.

Spring

- Approved Budget for Spring Semester: **\$137,509.00**



Director of Social & Special Programming



- Happy Hour @ Jolly Scholar on Friday, February 23rd from 7:00–9:00pm
 - First 50 graduate students get a free drink
- GSAW Ball name/theme: A Dance with Dinosaurs
 - April 13th from 7:00-11:30pm
 - Cleveland Museum of Natural History
 - Early bird tickets go on sale **this Friday**
- Hudson Relay sign-up going out soon- keep an eye on the newsletter



Director of Professional Development

The logo consists of the letters "GSC" in a white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within a blue, multi-pointed star-like shape.

- Applications for round 2 of PD Fund will open next month, please keep your eyes open on the newsletter
 - Do not hesitate to contact with questions

- CWRU Student Leadership Week



- A 5 night series of stimulating talks by distinguished community experts, covering a spectrum of critical leadership topics
- Accepting applications for in-person leadership workshop presentations
https://community.case.edu/Activities/survey?survey_uid=cd212340-b706-11ee-805a-0e302ca3fe9f&feedback_event_id=&content_type=&content_type_id=

- Midwest Graduate Research Symposium

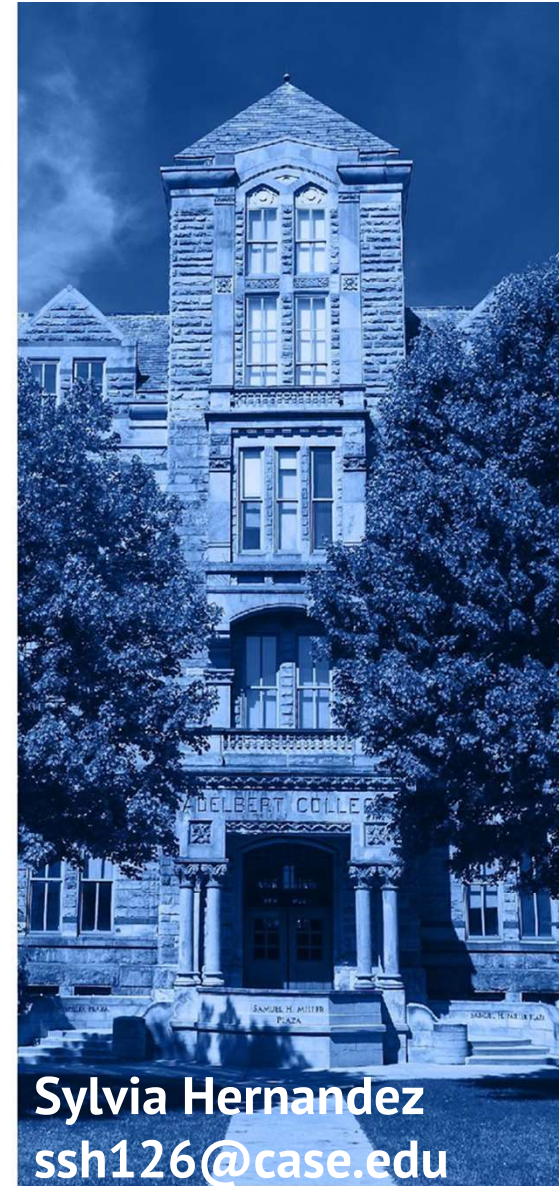
- Virtual attendance,
- Proposal submissions: February 23, 11:59pm
- Registration: April 6



- Rising Stars Symposium 2024



- Accepting applications for bio-medical late-stage doctoral students to conduct in-person, oral presentations at Sanford Burnham Prebys
- Travel, lodging and meals will be paid for by Sanford Burnham Prebys
- Proposal submissions: Feb 29
- Event: May 1-3



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Co-Directors of Student Organizations

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Budget Request

Budget
Approved

Payment
Request

Now you get
your money

Budget Request:
**at least 14 days
before** event

Event occurs:
keep **itemized
receipts**

Payment Request:
within 14 days of
event.

Once Payment request is
approved, you will be
reimbursed **by the school.**

GSC 102 Slides:

1. CWRU GSC website
2. "Resources"
3. "Documents"
4. "Important Documents"
5. "GSC_102_Spring_2024"

***Do not reference any other
slides from past GSCs.**

Co-Sponsorships:

- Email Tyr & Xavier at least 30 days before event.

Reimbursement issues?

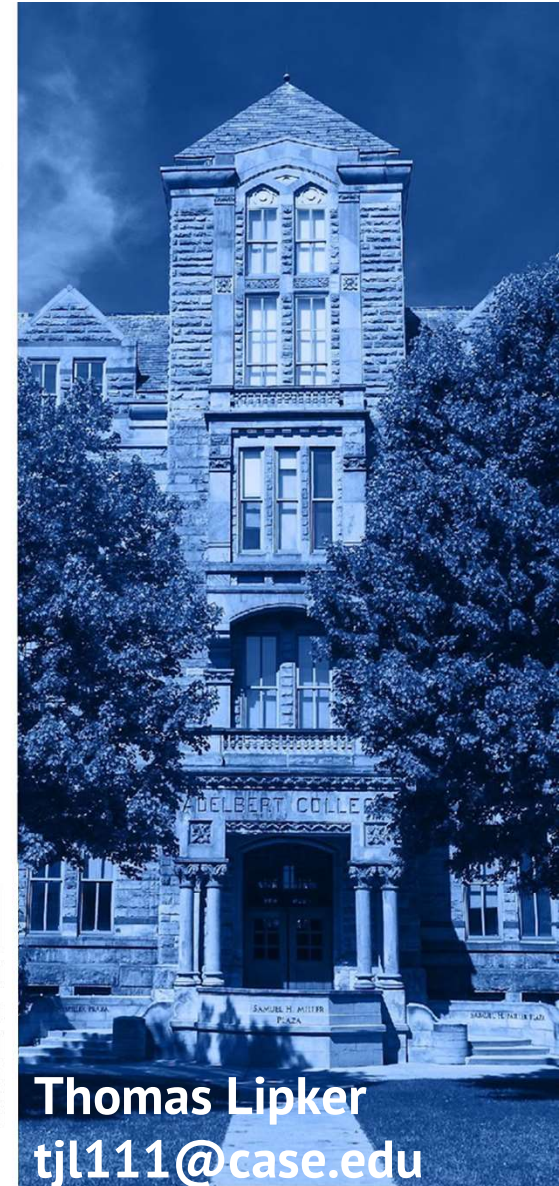
- Student Financial Services – Yost Hall

CampusGroups issues?

- Contact: campusgroups@case.edu

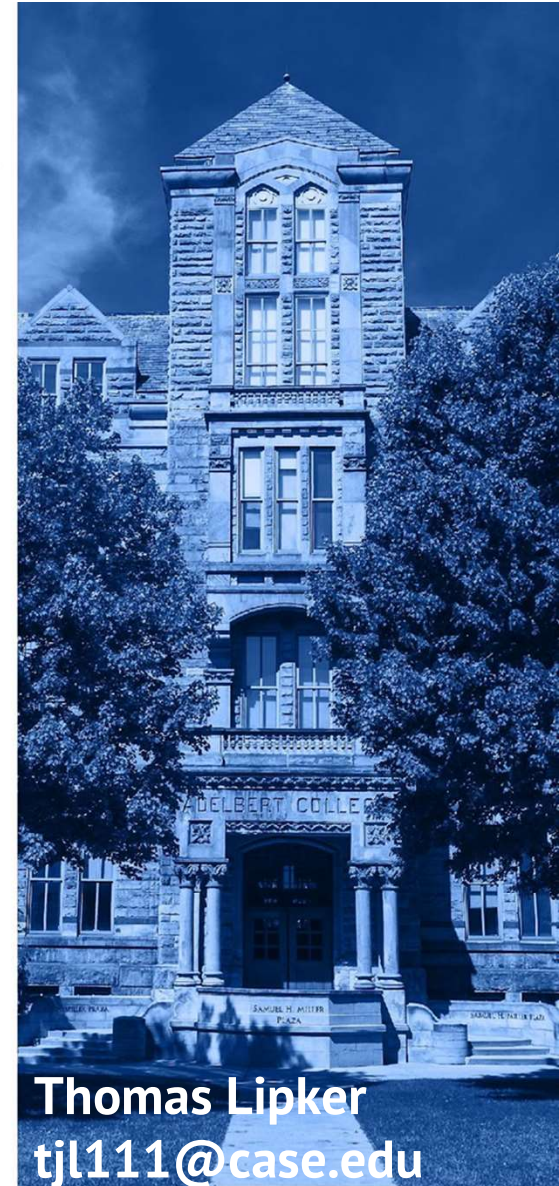
Director of Advocacy

- Town Hall Q&A February 21st
 - Location: HEC Room
 - Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm
 - Food will be provided
 - Guests from:
 - 1) Office of Equity
 - 2) Office of Student Affairs
- RTA Passes – Meeting Pending
- CWRU Health Insurance – Meeting Pending
- Open Positions (OP) on Faculty Senate Committees
 - Graduate Studies (OP: 2)
 - Transportation Safety Task Force (OP: 1)
 - Information and Technology (OP: 1)
 - Minority Affairs (OP: 1)



Director of Advocacy

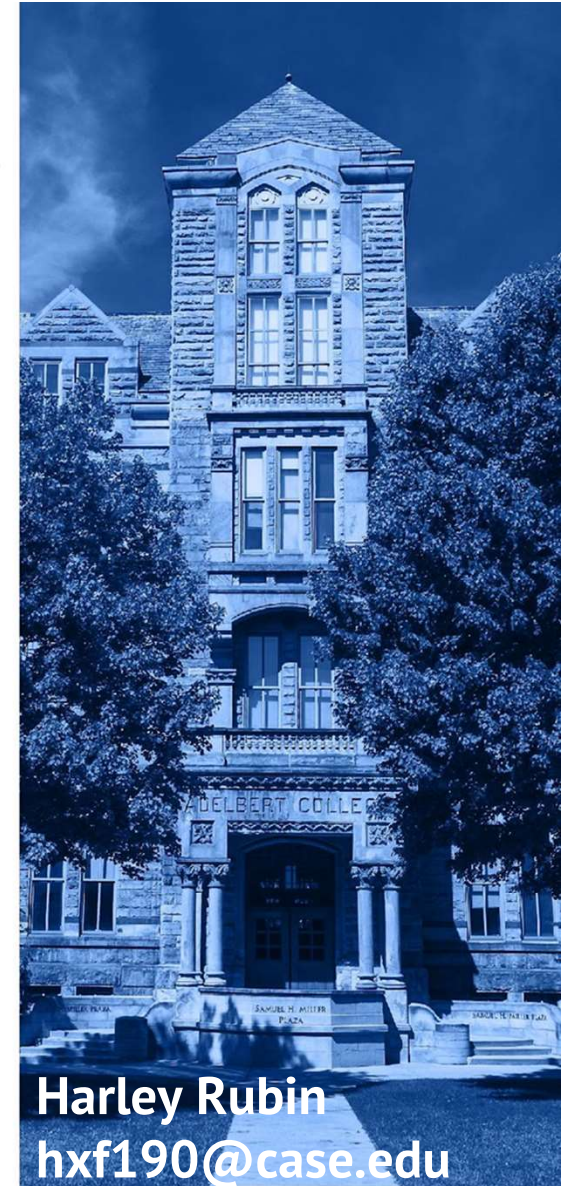
- Physical Resource Center
 - Location: Carlton Commons
 - Weekdays: Monday, Thursday, Friday 3:30pm-6:30pm
 - Weekend: Saturday 10:00am-6:00pm
- Formalized partnership with Greater Cleveland Foodbank (bringing 1,200lbs of food)



Director of Diversity



- **Happy Black History Month!!**
 - Check Campus Groups for the Black History Month series!
- **LGBTQ Graduate Student Social Needs Survey** has been completed and survey respondents are meeting tonight – community building updates to follow :)
- **Anti-trans Ohio legislation updates**
 - HB68 passed, two orders by Gov being processed - stay updated if you can. For healthcare practice, we have months
 - ACLU Ohio is launching a lawsuit against HB68
 - <https://protectgac.equitashealth.com/> - good info
 - follow TransOhio & Equality Ohio on instagram
- **School of Medicine DEIE Committee** has upcoming SOM DEI survey results & new DEI Events! Keep an eye out in the GSC Newsletter.





Proposed GSC Bylaw Changes



GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. A. 1(a).

- School of Graduate Studies changed to **College of Arts and Sciences**



GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. B. 1.

- Change in language (annually → annual)

Article III. B. 1(d).

- The maximum allotment of GSC Representatives per school or college will be conducted in an **annual audit**

Article III. B. 2.



GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article IV. A. 1.

- Director changed to **Vice President**
(Also reflected throughout Bylaws)
- Co-Directors of Advocacy & Diversity
→ Vice President of Advocacy
→ Vice President of Equity & Inclusion
- Two (2) Vice Presidents of Student Organizations



GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article IV. A. 2.

- Each Vice President may oversee at least committee
- Removed language about the “Cabinet + Director structure”

Article IV. A. 3.

- Each Vice President role may allow for two individual officers

Article IV. A. 4.

- Each Vice President position will be compensated equally 💰💰💰

GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article IV. C.

- Added language about the creation, structure and termination of the different levels of committees

Hierarchical structure:

1. Standing Committee
2. Ad Hoc Committee
3. Task Force (created at the discretion of GSC President)



GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article IV. C. 1.

- Each Vice President may create and absolve committees to fulfill their responsibilities as outlined in the GSC Bylaws



GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article IV. C. 2.

- **Standing committees:** ongoing committees designed to **address enduring campus issues** identified by GSC
- The creation and elimination of GSC standing committees shall require approval at a **GA meeting** by two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of all voting members present, in person or by proxy, as outlined in the GSC Bylaws





GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article IV. C. 3.

- **Ad hoc committees:** temporary committees designed to deal with **campus issues** identified by the Council
- The creation and elimination of GSC Ad hoc committees shall require approval of the **Executive Board** by two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of all voting members present as outlined in the GSC Bylaws
- The committee will regularly report back to the **GSC Executive Board**
- Any action on behalf of the GSC requires approval of the **GSC General Assembly**

GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article IV. C. 4.

- **Task forces:** may be created at the discretion of the **GSC President** to better understand campus issues and gather information





GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article V. C.

- Added a provision specifying that no business shall be voted upon without $\frac{1}{4}$ of all voting members present, in person or by proxy, as outlined in the GSC Bylaws



GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article VI. A.

- Change in language (executive → officer)

Article VI. B.

- Change in language (Council → General Assembly)

Article VII.

- Change in language (GA → General Assembly)



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article I. A.

- Director changed to **Vice President**
(Also reflected throughout Constitution)

Article I. B.

- Removed language about “Executive Board of Directors”

Article I. C.

- Removed language about the “Cabinet + Director

GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article I. E.

- **The President** will facilitate the seamless transition between incoming and outgoing GSC Executive Board

Article I. H.

- Added the procedure of appointing an interim replacement of an Executive Board Member by a simple majority vote to serve unfinished term





GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article II. A. 3.

- Change in language (GSC → the General Assembly)

Article II. A. 4.

- Per the Constitution, the **Executive Board** will act to serve and advocate for all graduate students' concerns



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article II. C. 3.

- At least twice during the year, there will be in-person **GSC Executive Board retreats**, ideally before the start of the semester (members strive to attend in-person)

Article II. C. 5.

- GSC Executive Board members shall attend at least **one (1) Executive Board meeting** and **one (1) General Assembly meeting** in-person per semester, and strive to attend as many meetings as possible in-person



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. A. 2.

- Prepare ahead of time for **General Assembly** and **Executive Board meetings**, including reviewing any agenda materials necessary

Article III. A. 4.

- Adhere to the protocols set out in the **GSC Handbook**



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. B. 1.

- Added the President serves as official spokesperson for the GSC **when talking with school administration**

Article III. B. 4(e).

- Change in language (July → August)

Article III. B. 4(g).

- Added the word “**academic**” year-end summary

GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. C. 1.

- Change in language (serves to → shall)

Article III. C. 3(d).

- Duties of the **VP of Internal Communications:**
- Conduct an **annual audit** of the graduate student representation breakdown per school and college



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. C. 3(e).

- Duties of the **VP of Internal Communications:**
- In coordination with the **Vice President of Advocacy**, serve as the liaison to CWRU school-level governments

Article III. C. 3(g).

- Duties of the **VP of Internal Communications:**
- In coordination with the **Vice Presidents of Student Organizations**, organize GSC 101 by **mid-September**



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. C. 3(j).

- Duties of the **VP of Internal Communications:**
- In coordination with the **President** and **Vice President of Finance**, organize the **two or more in-person Executive Board retreats**, which ideally take place before the start of each semester

Article III. C. 3(l).

- Removed the “Co-Directors of Advocacy and Diversity”



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. D. 3(l).

- Duties of the **Vice President of Finance:**
- Review the **Graduate Student Council student activity fee** annually based on tuition to recommend changes



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. E. 4(b).

- Duties of the **VP of Marketing & Communications:**
- Publish GSC Newsletter weekly during the Fall and Spring semesters, following the academic calendar
- Ideally, the GSC Newsletter is sent out on the same day of the week throughout a semester (recommended)

Article III. E. 4(c).

- Added the language of “the Fall **and Spring** semesters”



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. F. 3.

- Duties of the **Vice President of Advocacy:**
- Change in language (Diversity → Equity & Inclusion)

Article III. F. 4.

- Change in language (Co-Directors of Advocacy and Diversity → Vice President of Advocacy)





GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. G. 1.

- Duties of the **Vice President of Equity and Inclusion:**
- Shall serve as the Rep for GSC on **Diversity Leadership Council** and report on their activities at GA meetings once per semester

Article III. G. 2.

- Perform or delegate and oversee tasks intended to identify, promote, celebrate, educate, address, advance, encourage, raise awareness of and otherwise attend to the diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging (**DEIB**) qualities & needs



GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. G. 3.

- Duties of the **Vice President of Equity and Inclusion:**
- Maintain relationships with the leadership of **DEIB-related centers across campus** (The Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusive Engagement; LGBT Center; Disability Resources) and actively collaborate with these offices as needed

Article III. G. 4.

- Follow local law and legislation on diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (**DEIB**) issues; report relevant info at



GSC Constitution Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. G. 7.

- Duties of the **Vice President of Equity and Inclusion:**
- In collaboration with the **Vice President of Professional Development**, lead the development of new inclusive mentoring initiatives

Article III. G. 8-9.

- Lead the development of programming, or community building initiatives, and work with special interest graduate student organizations: **on-campus identity-based/cultural**



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. H. 4(c-d).

- Duties of the **VP of Social & Special Programs:**
- Communicate with community and university vendors
- Coordinate with **GSC Advisor** on contracts and payments

Article III. H. 4(f).

- Added a provision to ensure that events hosted by GSC are accessible to the greater graduate student body and promote inclusivity — specifically with regard to dietary



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. I. 2.

- Duties of the **VPs of Student Organizations**:
- Receive training in the campus financial system to facilitate reimbursements for student organizations

Article III. I. 3-4.

- Added a provision to work with the **VP of Internal Communications** to provide access point for the GSC E-Board to contact student organization leaders, and collaborate to host **GSC 101 (Fall) & GSC 102 (Spring)**



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. I. 5(e).

- Duties of the **VPs of Student Organizations**:
- Determine amount of student organization funding and co-sponsorships prior to the first GA meeting

Article III. I. 5(f).

- The **Vice Presidents of Student Organizations** may approve funding requests up to the determined amount per organization each semester

GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. I. 3(c).

- Added a new section: **Co-sponsorships with GSC**
- **VPs of Student Organizations** will schedule a meeting for organizations seeking a co-sponsorship from GSC in an amount exceeding **\$1,500** and they shall come in and present at an **Executive Board Meeting**



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. I. 3(d).

- Added a new section: **Co-sponsorships with GSC**
- **GSC Executive Board** shall vote on how much funding to give **based on the VPs of Student Organizations' minimum and maximum recommendations**



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article III. I. 3(e-f).

- Added a new section: **Co-sponsorships with GSC**
- **VPs of Student Organizations** shall notify the organization of the decision within 24 hours
- Maintain a rubric to evaluate co-sponsorship requests and disseminate it to the Exec Board





GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article IV. A. 2.

- Selection of GSC Representatives: must be elected or **appointed** by members of the Council **by September 15th [unless appointed through a special election]**

Article IV. A. 3.

- Selection of GSC Representatives: shall serve a term of **8 months in duration**, starting from **September** through the academic year concluding in **May [unless appointed through a special election]**



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article IV. C.

- Added language of “**appointment**”
- Completely removed section about “Alternate Council Representatives”

Article IV. E. 1.

- Removed the requirement that “Council Representative seats must be filled in the same month of GSC Executive Board elections”



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article V. A. 5.

- Duties of **GSC Representatives:**
- Added the requirement of “[attending] the mandatory GSC 101 **and 102** orientation”



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article V. B. 1.

- Removed “all concerns shall be directed to the VP of IC”

Article V. B. 2.

- Change in language (is subject to termination → may be terminated)

Article V. B. 5.

- Removed language of “Alternate Council

GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article VI. A. 1.

- **Executive-headed committees:** designed to support its Vice President's duties and endeavors by performing specific functions as identified by its Vice President
 - Such functions may be temporary or ongoing
- **Ad hoc committees:** formed to serve a temporary (to be concluded by the end of the academic year) purpose such as drafting a resolution
- **Permanent standing committees:** formed to serve longer-term needs such as monitoring, advocating, or otherwise engaging with an ongoing situation or issue



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article VI. A. 2.

- **Ad hoc and permanent standing committees:** regularly present their progress to the **Executive Board**, updating them on the evolving responsibilities and progress of the committee
- Any product of these committees, such as resolutions, statements, or official stances must be presented to the **Executive Board** prior to being voted on by the **GSC Representatives** and require a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote to be passed (by General Assembly)



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article VI. B. 1.

- All **GSC Vice Presidents** shall create, delegate to, assign tasks and goals, and otherwise support and oversee relevant **Executive committees** consistent with the responsibilities of their particular positions
- The duties and responsibilities of committee members are to fulfill the specific function, purpose and/or goal of the committee as identified by its Vice President
- Any graduate student may join a committee



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article VI. B. 2.

- **Ad hoc committees:** will be formed after a task force has collected and shared information relevant to their specific purpose and action item(s) with the **GSC Executive Board**
- Formation of the **Ad hoc committee** will require a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote from the **Executive Board**



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article VI. B. 3.

- **Standing committees:** will be formed after a task force has collected and shared information relevant to their specific purpose and action item(s) with the **General Assembly**
- Formation of a **Standing committee** will require a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote from the **General Assembly**
- **Standing committees** can also be formed if an **Ad hoc committee** has evolved and thus requires extended engagement, beyond the end of the academic year (Formation requires two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote from **Exec**

GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article VI. C. 1.

- **Task forces:** will be formed to gather preliminary information and investigate potential action items in response to a concern or issue raised by the graduate students to the **Executive Board**, either at the GA meeting or elsewhere
- **Task forces** will be created at the discretion of the **GSC President**
- Any graduate student may join a task force
- Present their findings and proposed actions items to either the **Executive Board** or the **General Assembly**





GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article VII.

- Director changed to **Vice President**
(Also reflected throughout Constitution)
- Co-Directors of Advocacy & Diversity
→ Vice President of Advocacy

GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article VIII. D.

- Moved the section of **“Introduction of Main Motions or Resolutions”** from the end of the article to between the sections of **“Quorum”** (C) and **“Voting”** (E)





GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article VIII. F. 3.

- a. The proxy [for Council Representatives] is assigned to another member who is attending the meeting in person **or virtually; and**
- b. The proxy [for Council Representatives] is received by the **Vice President of Internal Communications** no later than **24 hours before** the beginning of the meeting at which the vote is to take place. **Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the VP of Internal Communications.**



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article IX. A.

- The assessed **Graduate Student Council Fee** shall be reviewed annually and re-calculated accordingly by the **Vice President of Finance** (currently calculated as 1.0% of the tuition cost of one credit)

GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article X. G. 1.

- The **Vice Presidents of Student Organizations**, in collaboration with the **Executive Board**, shall set the maximum funding limit recognized graduate student organizations may request, beyond which such organizations must petition the **Executive Board** for additional funding
- This limit shall be determined and all relevant forms updated with this information by the **VPs of Student Organizations** no later than the **first General Assembly**





GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article X. G. 4.

- The student organization must submit a request via the group's CampusGroups page before the **event in which** money will be spent, **the request window will be established before the first General Assembly**

GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article XI. D. 1.

- **All graduate students**, including members of the **Professional Development fund committee** and the **GSC Executive Board**, are eligible to apply [for PD fund]

Article XI. D. 4.

- Student must also ensure that their addresses are updated in the Student Information System or that they relay a need to pick up the check from the



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article XI. E. 1.

- Once the [PD fund] committee has made their decision, the **Vice President of Professional Development will update the CampusGroups application with their decision including** how much money, if any, the committee has decided is appropriate to award
- Student are to assume that if they did not receive an approval by email **five (5) business** days after the review date, they were not chosen to receive funding for a semester



GSC Bylaws Changes

VP of Internal Communications

Article XIII. C.

- The President shall receive **\$1,500 per semester**
- Each Vice President position shall receive **\$1,000 per semester**
- In the event of two people sharing one Vice President position, they will **split the \$1,000 compensation evenly**

Article XIII. D.

- Executive Board members shall receive compensation **at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters, respectively**





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GSC Bylaws and Constitution Vote

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**CASE WESTERN RESERVE
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School Reports/ Open Discussion



Closing Remarks



Adjournment



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- Next GA meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6th
- Email general questions or concerns to: gscinfo@case.edu
- Check out our website: <https://community.case.edu/gsc/about/>

Thank you for coming!



Budget Updates



VP of Marketing & Communication

- **Fall 2023**

\$7,083.55

- GSC merchandise (tool kit, beanie, stationary)

\$3,294.28

- GSC E-Board + reps appreciation

\$3,738.64

- GSC business cards

\$50.63

- Budgeted for Fall 2023 \$7,350.00

- Budgeted for Spring 2024

\$5.600

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Co-Directors of Student Orgs

- **Fall 2023**

- Initial: \$36,450
- GSC 101: \$1,200
- Approved Budget Requests: \$35,189.10
- Approved Payment Requests: \$23,214
 - Not everyone used all of their funds (i.e., request \$500, but used \$250)

- **Spring 2024**

- Initial: \$36,450
- GSC 102: \$1,200
- Currently approved \$4,500 for budget requests

