



**UNIVERSITY OF
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Graduate Student Association

October Update for University Council

As the official, university-sanctioned representative body of graduate and professional students at the University of Georgia, the Graduate Student Association (GSA) has been busy advocating for interventions, policies, and programs that address graduate student concerns and organizing impactful activities, initiatives, programs, and services that improve the graduate student experience.

Key areas of success are noted below:

- I. **7 Graduate Students Support Local Community:** 7 graduate/professional students participated in UGA's Dawg Day of Service as part of GSA's team. Students supported a local elementary school.
- II. **Two graduate Students have been Appointed to University Committees:** GSA Vice President Uyiosa Osarumen Ugiagbe (Mathematics Education) has been appointed to the Registrar's Advisory Committee, and Roy Jones (MBA) has been appointed to the Student Technology Fee Advisory Board.
- III. **GSA Committees are Meeting and Planning:** All GSA committees have met and begun work to identify the priorities they will focus on and plan social/professional development events. Students actively engage in research skills, data collection and analysis, and collaboration across differences.
- IV. **Connecting Students to Programs and Resources:** Through our social media channels, the Graduate Student Association has continued to promote pre-existing programs, services, resources, and opportunities developed by multiple campus units (e.g., Pride Center, Career Center, Fontaine Center, Center for Teaching and Learning, UGA Libraries).
- V. **Fostering Community Among Students at Griffin Campus:** President Walker is connecting with student leaders at UGA satellite campuses (Griffin, Tifton, Albany, Atlanta) to promote community and belonging.
- VI. **Building Strategic Partnerships:** GSA President Walker has met with the President of SGA and the President and Vice President of Staff Council to identify issues mutually important to 3 consistency groups on campus. The collective areas of concern are Basic Needs, Wellness/Well-Being Resources, and Representation.
- VII. **Connecting GSA to Institutional Priorities:** GSA President Walker and executive board members provide insights to amplify current strategic priorities and shape future priority areas. This is done primarily through standing meetings with the Dean of the Graduate School and ongoing conversations with other leaders, such as the Vice-President of Student Affairs (Dr. Cook) and Dean of Students (Dr. Atkinson).

Further questions regarding the Graduate Student Association may be directed to the President at gsa@uga.edu.