## Graduate Student Association Report to University Council Hank Clay December 4, 2008

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) would like to thank the faculty, staff, and administration for their tireless work in educating and supporting students especially in these times of tight budgets. Additionally, GSA is grateful for the sacrifices the faculty and staff are making.

The GSA understands the difficult financial constraints that the University of Georgia is facing, and that the state-wide economic environment requires the state university system to find alternative solutions the maintain the quality of education, research, and public service at the University. GSA repeats its request to partner with the administration at the University of Georgia and the University System of Georgia as we go through this process. GSA believes that with student involvement can help to lead to creative solutions for these difficult circumstances.

GSA has had a very busy semester. There are many initiatives that we are working towards including preparing the student health insurance re-bid in 2010 and working on issues that affect international graduate students.

The GSA is hosting an internationally recognized journalist, P. Sainath this Friday, December 5th to talk about international food policy. The University community is invited to join us for the this interesting lecture.