

GSA Report to University Council (9/17/2009)

Dear University Council:

UGA is a microcosm of the country as a whole. As health care debates have germinated in Rayburn, Longworth and Hart of the U.S. Congress, they have also taken root in Holmes-Hunter, Park and Caldwell of UGA. This year, the Graduate Student Association has championed the call from students to examine graduate insurance. We are undertaking a comprehensive study of insurance at our peer institutions because we believe that students should not worry about daunting medical bills while writing their dissertations. We have engaged the campus community in online forums, town hall meetings in departments, and video streams over our new website. We are facilitating a conversation, which many have already started. I hope you will lend your important voices to the conversation, and in the words of Nelson Henderson, “plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit.”

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to collaborate with the distinguished faculty, staff and administrators of this campus and I greatly appreciate the interest and engagement many of you have already shown to graduate student issues and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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