

# Graduate Student Association Annual Report: 2015-2016

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# Purpose of the Graduate Student Association (Article II):

- **SECTION I.** The purpose of GSA shall be to represent the graduate student body, assist in solutions of pertinent problems and create, develop, and promote activities of all types for the graduate students of the University of Toledo.
- **SECTION II.** Activities and programs sponsored by this organization will keep within the organizations stated objectives. The property and income of the GSA shall be used solely to further the purposes expressed in this article.

# How Do We Facilitate Our Purpose?

- General Assembly Meetings and Committee Meetings
- The Graduate Student Research Award
- Sponsoring College Related Events
- The Midwest Graduate Research Symposium
- GSA Professional Development and Social Initiatives
- Travel Reimbursement

# General Assembly and Committee Meetings (Article V):

- **SECTION I-** The assembly of the GSA shall be composed of graduate student representatives from each college of the University having a graduate and/or professional program, and of the officers of the GSA.
- **SECTION II-** All colleges with a graduate and/or professional program shall be entitled to a maximum of (2) representatives to the Assembly.

# Meeting Attendance

- Average General Assembly Meeting Attendance:
  - 1) Mean = 57.75  
Median = 56
  - 2) Total unique attendees at all GSA assembly and committee meetings:  
280.
  - 3) Approximately 7% of the university's graduate students come through a meeting.
  - 4) Goal for 2016-2017: See at least 10% of all graduate students attend either a general assembly meeting or a committee meeting.

# The Graduate Student Research Award

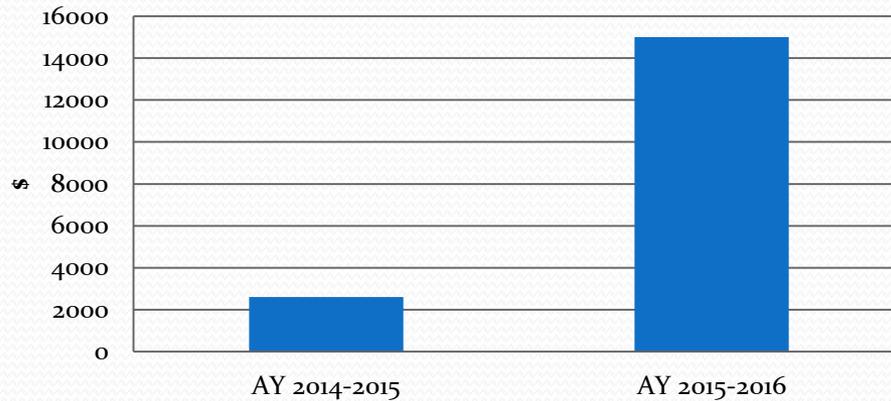
- We awarded \$10,000 to five students:
  - 1) Kristen Coleman
  - 2) Tripti Gupta
  - 3) Brain Kress
  - 4) Cecile Petit
  - 5) Adaeze Izuogu
- Goal for 2016-2017: Introduce a 6<sup>th</sup> research award

# Sponsoring College Related Events

- We spent \$15,000 sponsoring and co-sponsoring events held by Graduate Students in:
- The College of Natural Science and Mathematics
- The College of Medicine and Life Sciences
- The Judith Herb College of Education
- The College of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
- The College of Engineering

# Sponsoring College Related Events

## Money Spent on College Related Events



# Sponsoring College Related Events

- This represents an increase in support for college related events of about 577%.
- Goal for 2016-2017: At least match spending on this item. If possible, increase spending on college related events and increase the number of events supported by GSA.

# The Midwest Graduate Research Symposium

- The 2015 Symposium saw a modest increase in abstracts this year from 148 to 157.
- We also saw a modest increase in schools participating from 16 to 21.

# The Midwest Graduate Research Symposium

- Goals for 2016-2017:

Increase both the number of submitted abstracts and the number of participating universities.

# Professional Development and Social Initiatives

- The Life in Graduate School Panel.
- Seminars on Endnote and APA Format
- A Fall Graduate Student Social Mixer
- The MGRS Lunchtime Professional Development Panel
  
- Goals for 2016-2017: Improve and expand all of the above events and create at least one new professional development event and one new social event.

# Travel Reimbursement

- As of the Fall semester of 2015, GSA had spent \$23,708.23 on travel in 2014-2015.
- As of right now, we have spent roughly \$26,000 and will likely spend more.
- That represents an 11% increase in spending on travel thus far.
- Goal for 2016-2017: Continue to increase the amount of money going towards graduate travel and the number of people taking advantage of it.