



THE UNIVERSITY OF
TOLEDO

Graduate Student Association

2019-20 Summary of Academic Year

Presented by Raina Dawson, Vice President

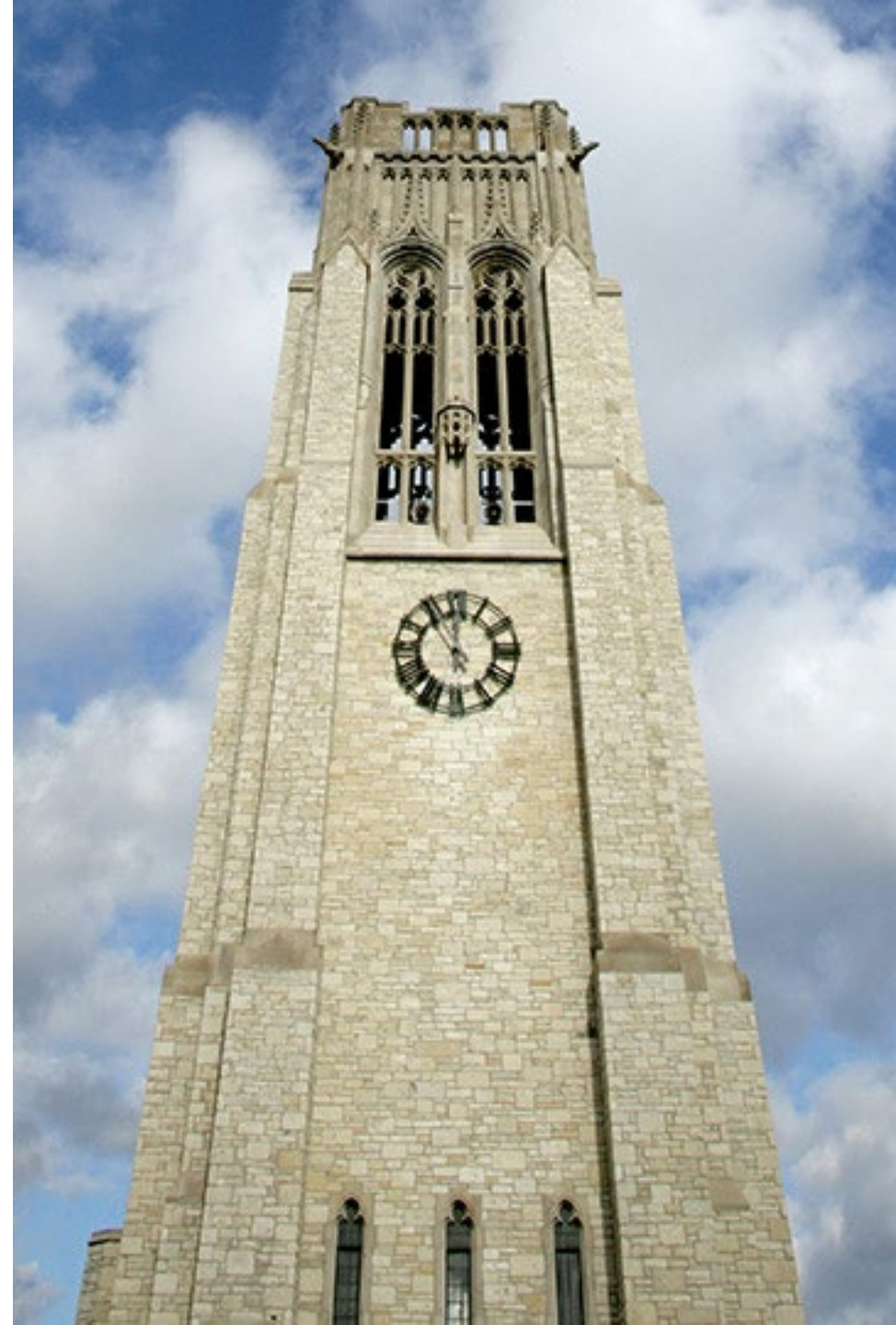
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The Role of the GSA

- Advocate for the concerns and well-being of graduate students!
- Represent over 4,000 UT graduate students from all colleges, departments, and professional programs
- Sponsor graduate programs and activities
- Sponsor the GSA Graduate Research Award
- Fund travel to conferences and symposiums
- Organize social events on and off campus
- Organize and lead the Midwest Graduate Research Symposium
- Contribute to the focus of a student-centered culture!



Brief Review 2019-20

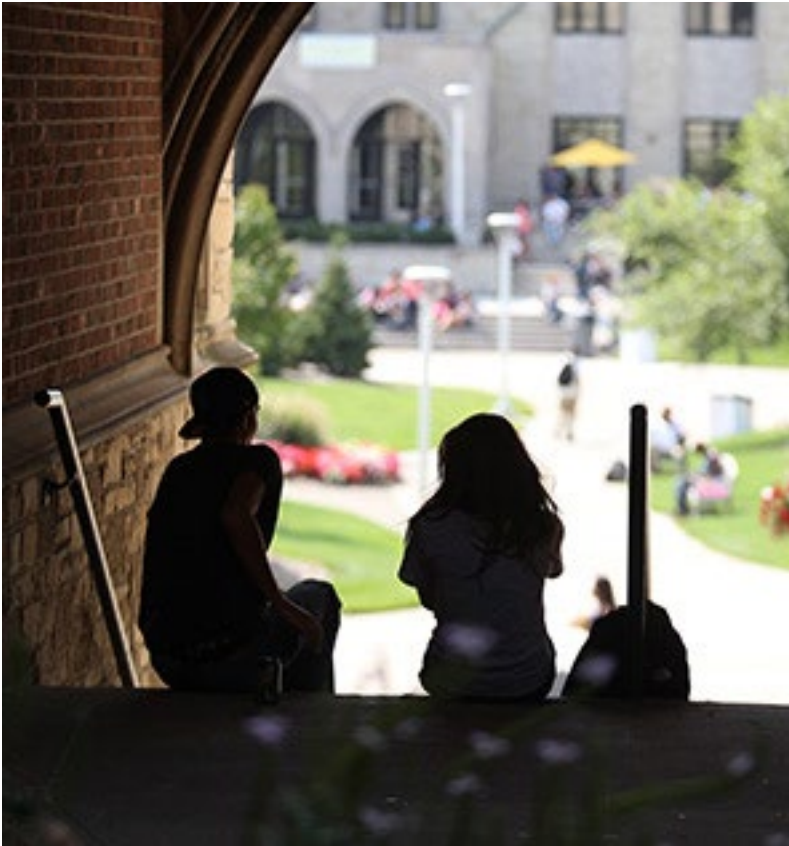
- Beginnings of network of graduate student-focused student organizations
 - Invited student organizations to present their mission to General Assembly
- Social Events- Well attended and enjoyable
 - Fall: Reset Social
 - Spring: Carlos POCO Loco
- December: Mentorship Program discussion with Dr. Daryl Moorhead
- Constitution review and updates
- GSA has a seat on the Rocket Wellness Coalition
- Student health insurance conversation continues, leading to President of GSA joining Request for Proposal Committee
 - Active involvement in plan development and design with plan to be rolled out for upcoming academic year
 - Implementation of the opt-out system that allows students who have insurance from outside source to not be included in UToledo plan as long as can demonstrate outside insurance
- Changes to travel reimbursement policies and procedures, implementation plan
- Discussion about changing student organization funding request to include a post-event survey
- Use of Committees to create programming, explore issues, and other tasks of interests to graduate students
- WebEx meetings due to COVID-19 and University procedures for March and April General Assembly meetings



2019-20 Graduate Research Award Recipients

- Brendan Tully – Medical Microbiology and Immunology
- Ethel Tackie-Yarboi – Medicinal and Biological Chemistry
- Dominique Thomas – Dentistry
- Sushil Khanal – Biological Science
- Taylor Sasak – Environmental Sciences
- Joshua Otten – Environmental Sciences
- Gayatri Subramanian – Medical Microbiology and Immunology

Midwest Graduate Research Symposium



- Cancelled due to COVID-19 and the policies and procedures in place by the University
- All registrants and guests were notified in a timely manner using Mail Merge
- Looking forward to scheduling for the next year!
 - Scheduled for April 10th, 2021
 - Recommended a contingency plan for MGRS in the future in the event that we need to consider virtual/online conference style

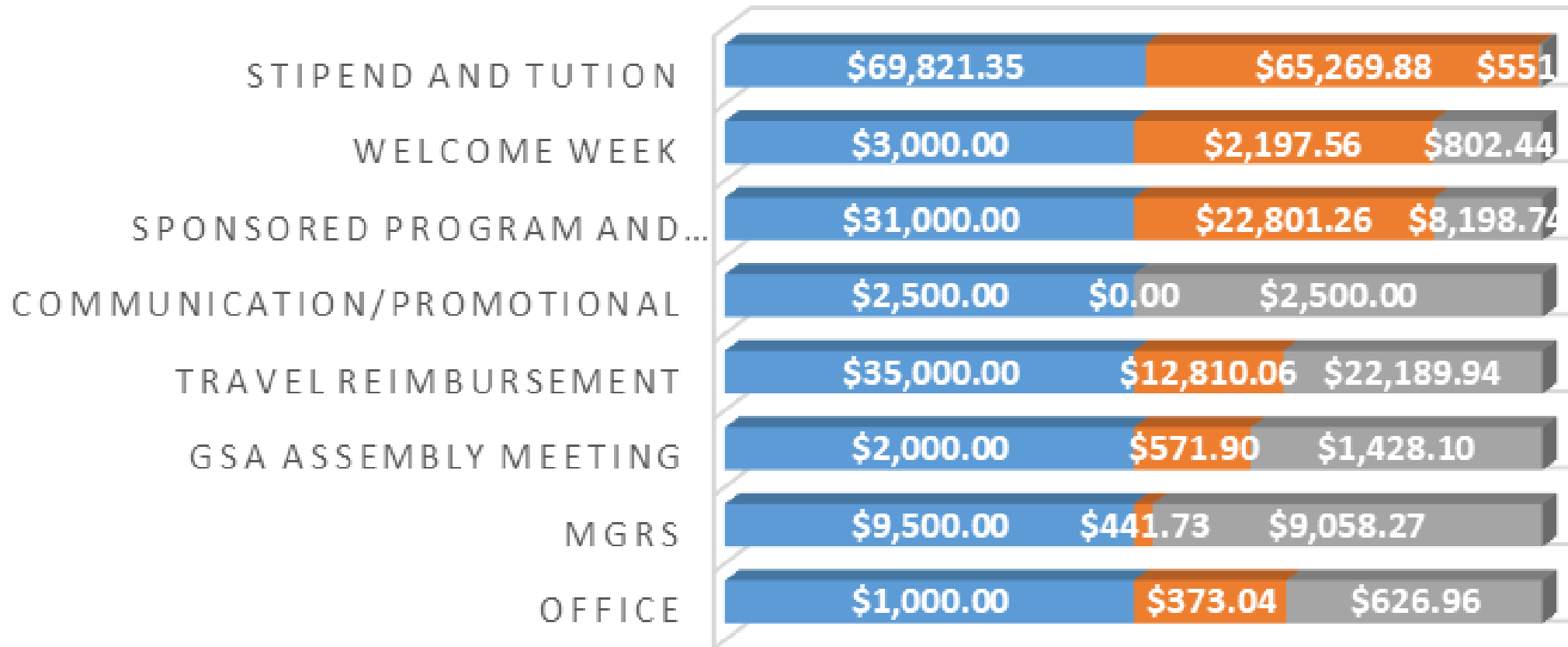
Budget for 2019-2020

		2019-2020 Proposed	By April 21	Remaining
Office	Supplies	\$500.00	\$4.00	
	Computer Equipment	\$500.00	\$369.04	
	Subtotal	\$1,000.00	\$373.04	\$626.96
MGRS	Expenses	\$9,500.00	\$0.00	
	Advertising		441.73	
	Photocopies/Printing		\$0.00	
	Subtotal	\$9,500.00	\$441.73	\$9,058.27
GSA Assmebly Meetings	Fall Meetings	\$1,000.00	\$538.31	\$461.69
	Spring Meetings	\$1,000.00	\$33.59	
	Subtotal	\$2,000.00	\$571.90	\$1,428.10
Travel	Graduate Travel Reimbursement	\$35,000.00	\$13,105.06	
	Subtotal	\$35,000.00	\$13,105.06	\$21,894.94
Communication/Promotional	GSA Advertising Materials	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	
	Website	-	-	
	Postage	-	-	
	Subtotal	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Sponsored Programs and Organizations	GSA Research Awards	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$0.00
	Internal Committee Projects	\$2,000.00	\$1,801.26	\$198.74
	Graduate and Professional Organizations	\$15,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00
	Dues for NAGPS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$31,000.00	\$22,801.26	\$8,198.74
Welcome Week Budget	Health Science Campus Welcome Week-8/31/2019	\$528.96	\$528.96	\$0.00
	Welcome week promotional	\$442.50	\$442.50	\$0.00
	Reset Social	\$1,226.10	\$1,226.10	\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$3,000.00	\$2,197.56	\$802.44
Stipends and Tuition	President - stipend	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	
	President - scholarship (Full Tuition and Fee)	\$11,848.23	\$9,029.20	
	Vice President - stipend	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
	Vice President - scholarship (Half tuition)	\$7,636.56	\$7,636.56	
	Treasurer - stipend	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	
	Treasurer - scholarship (Half tuition)	\$7,636.56	\$5,904.12	
	MC Secretary - stipend	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00	
	HSC Secretary - stipend	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00	
	Communication Specialist	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
	College of Graduate Studies	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	
	Subtotal	\$69,821.35	\$65,269.88	\$551.74
Allocated Budget		\$153,821.35	\$80,290.57	\$45,061.19
Total Budget		\$154,000.00		



2019-20 Fiscal Year Budget

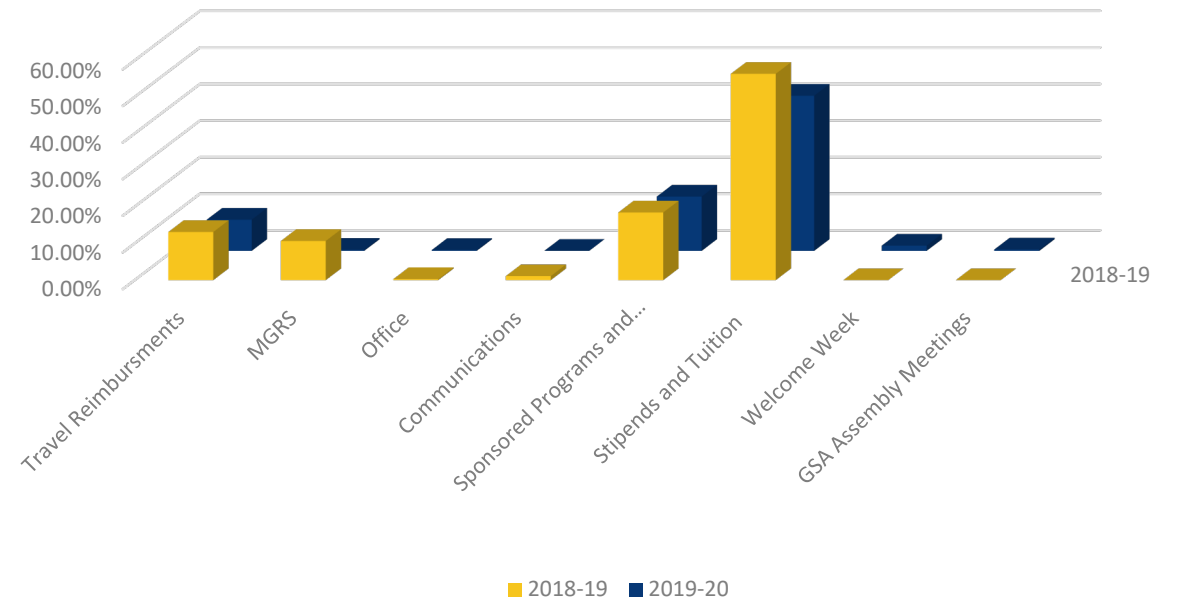
■ Allocated ■ Incurred ■ Remaining



Comparative Budget

Incurred Budget Comparison		
Sectors	2018-19	2019-20
Travel Reimbursements	13.13%	8.51%
MGRS	10.68%	0.29%
Office	0.29%	0.24%
Communications	1.11%	0.00%
Sponsored Programs and Organizations	18.45%	14.81%
Stipends and Tuition	56.35%	42.38%
Welcome Week	0.00%	1.43%
GSA Assembly Meetings	0.00%	0.37%

Comparative expenditure between 2018-19 and 2019-20



Travel Reimbursement: Overview

Total Applicants: **90**

Total Approved Applicants: **52**

Total Budget for Reimbursement: **\$13,105**

Average Reimbursement: **\$252.02**



Travel Reimbursement Changes

- **Implementation of new instructions**
 - Travel reimbursement checklist to assist with process
 - Offline and online reimbursement application
 - Use of Concur in alliance with University
 - Post-travel application and documents to Concur
- **Travel Reimbursement Education Sessions & Travel Coupons**
 - Incentive of travel coupon redeemable for a set amount by Treasurer and Executive Board
 - Applicable to travel within the academic year
 - Offers opportunity for more reimbursement beyond set amounts
 - Students complete a pre- and post-event survey, attend event and check-in
 - Received very well by students who attended
- **Utilization of Budget Review Committee and Travel Reimbursement Committee**
 - 2 committees to assist students with their questions about funding, create innovative events and communications to reach students, and manage budget with Treasurer
 - More opportunities for leadership, active status
- **March 10th, 2020: All Travel no longer approved after this date**



GSA Sponsored Events and Programs

- **Biology Graduate Research Symposium: \$3,000**
- **Council of Biomedical Graduate Students \$4,000**



Goals for 2020-21 Academic Year

- Continue to improve communications and network with the GSA and other graduate-focused student organizations
 - Support other student organizations' events through funding, advertisement, social media, etc.
- Maintain open communications with graduate students to advocate for a better student-centered environment
 - Student health insurance, child care, parking, mental health, student wellness, etc.
- Evaluation of the travel reimbursement program and expansion of the reach of travel reimbursement to promote use for scholarly activity
 - Implement more travel communications, information sessions, and other means to reach graduate students
- Work with the Provost Fellow regarding the experience of student mentorship at UToledo
 - Continuing discussion and implementation of plan with Dr. Daryl Moorhead



Introduction of 2020-21 Executive Board

- **President: Brittany Jones**
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