A. General Committees, By the Numbers:

67 conferences funded (attendance and presentations) by GSA Conferences Committee
28 lectures sponsored or co-sponsored by GSA Lectures Committee (Average lectures award: $419)
19 events hosted or co-hosted, besides lectures, by GSA Events Committee and ad-hoc committees
   Including 2 large scale events (attended by 100 people or more)
38 hours of approved service
   $280 raised for charity (American Cancer Society)
   1 car-full of clothes donated to charity (Miriam's Kitchen)
   Several bags of groceries donated to Campus Ministry Thanksgiving collection
$15-20,000 dollars donated to Murphy's Pub initiative
$6000 dollars donated to Mullen Library improvements for CUA graduate students
$2000 dollars donated to improvements in Biology Department graduate student lounge/study area
B. General Committees, 2012-2013 Narrative:

1. Summer 2012:
- Officer vacancies: VP, Academic Senator, Lectures Chair, Events Chair
- Debt: 10-15K
- Crabfest: On budget (25K), attended by 550

2. Fall 2012:
- Lectures Chair and Academic Senator hired
- Events: Happy Hours (3), Nats Game, SIP calling night, Comedian Adam Ruben, and NSO
- Conferences: New procedures, new guidelines, low number of requests
- Lectures: New procedures, new guidelines
- Letter to President Garvey

3. Spring 2013:
- New Secretary, VP hired
- Response to our letter, very positive, sign the pledge!
- GSA Housing Committee started
- Conferences: Even newer guidelines, requests pick up
- Lectures: Steady, good utilization of the account
- Events: Museum Excursion, Happy Hour, Black History Month Event, Women’s History Month Event (Women’s Issues Committee), Relay for Life Fundraiser (Philanthropy Committee), SIP Calling night #2, Job Seeking Conference, Catholic Writers Guild Info Session
- Restructuring- Officer duties clearly elaborated, officer positions and lines of accountability made more efficient
- Elections, Appointments, and Officer training
- Budget surplus and new allocations

4. University-Wide Committee Representation:
- Faculty Senate
- Board of Trustees Student Life Committee (1)
- Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee (2)
- Alumni Association Board of Governors
- Committee on Failing Grades

C. Areas In Need of Improvement
- Crabfest- more non-alcoholic beverages and more non-crab food needed, as well as collaboration with SBA
- Happy Hour for New Students: Need alumni presence
- Relay for Life funds raised should be higher
- Number of service hours toward greater community should be higher
- Movie events are poorly attended—we shouldn’t do them any more
- Representation on BOT Development Committee, CUA EEO Committee (possibly)
- Unrepresented departments and schools- Why have they (mostly) not responded?
- Overall grad student participation in GSA could be higher
- Twitter and LinkedIn presence needed
- MSPS involvement still undefined
- Officer turnover too high—better pay needed, maybe tuition reimbursement for 1 credit
D. Thank You to the Following CUA Entities, With Whom the GSA Collaborated This Year:

- Accounts Payable
- Admissions
- Advancement
- Aramark
- Campus Ministry
- Career Services
- Catholic Writer’s Guild, CUA Chapter
- Conferences and Pryzbyla Management
- Dean of Graduate Studies
- Dean of Students
- Facilities Maintenance and Operations
- General Counsel
- Institutional Research and Student Learning Outcome Assessment
- President’s Office
- Public Safety
- Public Affairs
- SAGA
- The Center for Academic Success
- The Writing Center
- University Librarian

Most especially: Campus Activities and all of the schools and departments listed in the Senate reports above
E. Senate Reports

Annual GSA Physics Department Report

Senator: Emmarís Soto

Events hosted: 2
Dollars donated to Murphy’s: possibly $300-$500
858.83 used for comps party events
Remaining funds: $2135.51

The Physics Department has hosted two graduate student events celebrating the end of comprehensive exams both in the fall (coordinated by myself) and spring (coordinated by Amy Rager). These are the main events hosted yearly in the department utilizing the majority of allocated GSA funds. Although it is common to simply have these two events per year, it is our intent to use the remaining funds to possibly host a finals week breakfast or lunch event as well, pending on the interest and availability of our graduate students during this time.

Use of our funds until recently has been primarily for these events frankly because the physics senator at the time and the graduate students in the department themselves were not informed of the existence of said funds or how they may be used. Now, with the information being made available to graduate students in the department, suggestions for use of the funds are being made and there is more student involvement. To this end, we are in agreement to donate funds to Murphy’s initiative (approximately $400) and will hopefully get this accomplished before the end of the semester. Suggestions have been made to use the remaining funds to update appliances in the TA and RA rooms, as well as possibly replace an old couch in the RA room, which we expect to complete in the upcoming fall semester.

To date for this year, the physics department has not hosted any conference presentations or attendances or lectures funded by our accounts. We have also not accumulated any service hours through our account. Students in the department have been made aware of these figures and have discussed increasing participation
in the community and requesting funds when necessary for conferences. With increasing information on how
the GSA operates, physics students are taking more of an initiative at the departmental level.

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**NCSSS GSA Senate Report**

NCSSS GSA/Master Student Association (MSA) has had a wonderful spring semester and year. **Last semester**, we hosted several student lunches, a holiday party, and co-sponsored 3 lectures in conjunction with the faculty of NCSSS. The MSA was delighted to host Dr. Fred Ahearn’s lecture on *Social Work Spirituality across the Camino Frances to Santiago Compostela in Spain*.

**This semester we hosted 4 of our monthly lunches for students and with additional funds we could host additional ones.** These lunches promote camaraderie in social work and allow our cohorts to mix, exchange class ideas, and also allow for some peer-to-peer supervision in a field where the work can be burdensome.

Our Social Committee is also hosting an **End of the Year Graduation Event** for our graduating advanced-year students at the Black Fox Lounge on May 11, 2013. The Advanced-Year students also assisted the Foundation-Year student by hosting Comps studying sessions and a post-Comps Happy Hour. The NCSSS GSA/Master Student Association would be able to host additional events such these should have additional funds.

Our Social Justice Committee has also been very active and worked closely with GSA on several projects. The Master Student Association (via funds NCSSS GSA funds) assisted with the presentation in a panel discussion on Immigration. The NCSSS GSA will discuss and promote additional lectures which could include topics such as: human trafficking, mental health, and homelessness in 2013-2014.

NCSSS GSA participated in 2 hours of GSA phone-a-thon thanking CUA donors. We also participated in Shout Out!, an advocacy exercise sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) the professional organization that guides the profession, in which students raised awareness about how social workers enrich the lives of those they serve. **NCSSS GSA also collected over 40 scarves, gloves, and winter hats for Open Arms Housing**, which assists women suffering from mental illness and chronic homelessness, during our holiday party.

NCSSS is thrilled to welcome our new dean, Will Rainford to the CUA community. As Dean-designee Rainford begins his term here at CUA, NCSSS GSA/MSA will want to properly introduce him to the student body in the Fall of 2013. **We will have a welcoming reception which includes an opportunity for him to meet and speak to the student body, and additional funds from GSA will be used to supplement this event.**

**GSA End of the Year Summary for the School of Canon Law**

During the academic school year of 2012-2013, the School of Canon Law GSA Account funded:
- Two **Class Outings** for the 3rd Year Canon Law class
- Two Class Outings for the 2nd Year Canon Law class
- Two Class Outings for the 1st Year Canon Law class
Two School for Canon Law Student/Faculty Socials and Dinners

Respectfully submitted by Reverend Joseph L. Newton

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Senator: Allison Larkin
Alternate: Sean Doughty
-Number of conference presentations and attendances funded by your accounts, separate from general Conferences Committee: 0
-Number of lectures funded by your accounts and not the Lectures Committee: 0
-Number of events hosted by you, separate from the Events Committee: 2 We had a very successful end of the semester dinner in December and are doing another one in May.
-Number of hours of service done through your accounts, and not counted in our general service events: 0
-Number of dollars donated to Murphy’s and any other university initiative through your accounts: 0
-OTHER:
  - With the assistance of the Lectures committee, we were able to bring two speakers to CUA. The most recent one was one of the world’s leading Sor Juana experts, Dr. Sara Poot Herrera. We had an excellent turn out from both graduate students and faculty as well. It was a big success for us.
  - We are currently working on upgrading the desks in our shared graduate student/clinical instructor area.

School of Philosophy

Erikk Geannikis

The key players in organizing the Grad Student Conference and Lecture Series in the School of Philosophy this year were: Matt Pietropaoli (chair), Michael Staron, Matt Stolte, Ryan Shea, Nick Kruckenberg, and Adam Jurkiewicz. The Variety Night and Picnics were organized by Mary Elizabeth Tetzlaff and myself.

Fall Picnic: school-wide picnic at the beginning of the year: 443.40
Conference Travel Expenses helped supplement GSA funds for 3 presentations, all to ACPA conference in LA: 922.66
Variety Night: 338.54
Grad Student Conference: 1160
Spring Lecture Series: invited 3 lecturers to campus: 330

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Music GSA 2013 Report

Senators Erik Abrahamson and Brian Rice

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Recital Reception Reimbursement Fund
The Fund is designed to assist graduate students who are performing a degree required recital to offer a reception
after the recital. Maximum reimbursement is $20.

**Music Scores for Graduate Ensemble**

A new ensemble was created this year by several graduate students, led by Yevgeny Dokshansky and Brian Rice. They performed a challenging and entertaining concert in Ward Hall on April 13, 2013. The Music GSA assisted in the purchase of music for the concert.

**Music School Piano Fund**

The School of Music purchased a grand piano in the fall and has setup a fund to pay off the loan and to maintain the instrument.

**Piano for Murphy’s Pub**

The Music GSA has donated $1000 towards the purchase of an upright piano for Murphy’s Pub.

**Conference Assistance**

The Music GSA is sponsoring one student to attend a summer music festival. We have begun to spread that there is money for those who wish to attend a music festival or the like.

**Grad/Group Study Lounge in Music Library**

The Music Library is renovating the Listening room into two rooms: a lounge and a computer lab. The Music GSA money is going towards the lounge part, which will be limited to graduate students and groups who have signed up for an hour slot. The lounge will feature a couch and several chairs, a table and rug, tv and coffee maker, outlets and wifi. This project will be ready for the next academic year.

**General End of Year Summary Information from Greek and Latin for 2012-2013**

- Number of conference presentations and attendances funded by your accounts, separate from general Conferences Committee: 0
- Number of lectures funded by your accounts and not the Lectures Committee: 0
- Number of events hosted by you, separate from the Events Committee: 1
- Number of hours of service done through your accounts, and not counted in our general service events: 0
- Number of dollars donated to Murphy’s and any other university initiative through your accounts: $100-$150 to Murphy’s (would like to donate this amount – our department just agreed on it recently, and it will depend on how much is spent on the end of year dinner Saturday April 27)

**Greek and Latin End of Year Report 2012-2013**

Overview

Most of our events this year were not funded by the GSA because we receive a great deal of support from our department. After the end of this semester, I want to ensure that our department has plenty of money reserved for hosting dinners for students taking comprehensive exams. We have a large number of our students planning on taking MA comps next year, and a few others who are beginning their thesis work.

Events

In Fall 2012, our graduate students treated our former administrative assistant to a farewell dinner at Raku in DuPont Circle. Just before the Spring 2013 semester, we held a potluck dinner to kick off the new year and new semester. At the close of the Spring 2013, we met for an End of the School Year dinner at La Tasca in the Penn Quarter area, paid for with GSA funds.

Service

In Fall 2012, Louise Mundstock volunteered for Crabfest, and Michelle Morrison volunteered for the Fall Phone-a-Thon. In Spring 2013, Michelle Morrison volunteered for the GSA Jobs Conference. At the end of the 2012-2013 school year, the department also donated to the Murphy’s Pub initiative.

Other

Our graduate students will kick off their summer with customized tumblers featuring a Greek and Latin Department logo purchased with the department’s GSA funds.
As the GSA senator for the Center for the Study of Early Christianity, I only command a very small amount of funds, given that our program has fewer than ten students. Having saved my money for two semesters, I was able to accumulate just shy of $200. The majority of this money I put towards acquiring two new reference books for the Center’s graduate lounge. The books, which have just recently arrived, are Walter E. Crum’s *A Coptic Dictionary* and J. Payne Smith’s *A Compendious Syriac Dictionary*. I expect that both of these will prove valuable to students in our program, especially the ones who are still in coursework, and make the graduate lounge a still better place to work.

For the future, as I expect to continue to relatively limited amounts of money to work with, I plan on continuing to focus on small improvements to our common area along these lines. Reference books that will prove useful to students meeting and working in the Center are my top priority, but things that will improve the physical space are also something I have considered. Once my next rebate installment comes in, I plan to ask around among my colleagues and identify what they consider to be among our greater needs.

Sean Moberg

GSA Senator

Center for the Study of Early Christianity

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**School of Library and Information Science Senator Report**

April 24, 2013

Elizabeth Greeley (AGLISS President), Lea Harrison (SLIS Senator)

*Fall 2012*

I started the semester off by having our first AGLISS meeting of the year where we provided pizza and drinks to those who attended. We had several of these meetings over the months and provided food at each. During these meetings we planned events of interest to the SLIS student body in particular and CUA in general. Our first was a panel discussion on the topic of Art Librarianship. AGLISS invited 4 art librarians from the Corcoran, The National Shrine, The Hillwood Estate and Joan Stahl from CUA (also known as Joan of Art from her time at SAM). Refreshments were provided as well as a small gift of thanks for the panelists. Later in the semester we partnered with Career Services to have an info session specifically geared toward SLIS students. We provided pizza and drinks and had a very good turn out.

*Spring 2013*

For spring 2013 AGLISS focused on partnering with other on campus groups to throw events that would be of interest to our students. We had a welcome back happy hour that was cosponsored with CUASLA student chapter. This partnership came up again later in the semester when AGLISS funded another CUASLA event to provide refreshments for an event on
acquiring a federal library position. We also worked with our student chapter of AS&IST to fund registration fees for SLIS students attending a local conference. Lastly, we also worked with our SLIS Alumni Board to funded refreshments for the 23rd annual Elizabeth Stone Lecture. This lecture was created in honor of our founding Dean and is one of the premier events for SLIS. It was very well attended and helped to raise scholarship funds for SLIS students.

GSA Annual Report
Semitics

(1) Number of conference presentations and attendances funded by Semitics account: 0 (none requested)

(2) Number of lectures funded by Semitics account: partial funding of Professional Development Conference, in conjunction with Lectures Committee funding*. Semitics account total contribution = $653.26. Funding support from Lectures Committee: 1,186.28

(3) Number of events hosted by Semitics: 1

(4) Number of hours of service done through Semitics: none reported

(5) Number of dollars donated to Murphy’s and/or any other university initiative through the Semitics account: 0

Allocation of Semitics Funds:

Spent AY 2012-2013: $653.26
Remaining: $1,261.34**

*We are VERY thankful for the Lectures Committee support of our Fall conference “Ancient & Classical Languages & Literatures Professional Development Conference.” This was a huge success, and I could not have brought in the number and quality of panelists had it not been for the Lectures Committee support.

**We are saving this money to help all the students in our department attend the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) conference this coming Fall. SBL will be held in Baltimore this year, and we anticipate that Conferences funding will be depleted, as many from TRS and Semitics will attend.

End of year GSA-Biology Account
By Wadad AlSalmi

This past year we had two events. The first event was to welcome our new incoming students. I ordered lunch from Mama Lucia (Silver Spring) and almost 30-40 students attended along with a few faculty members. The second event was the biology student movie night-out. Around 20 students showed up and we all watched Lincoln (2012) and occupied almost two whole rows in the movie theater. Both events were successful and received positive feedback. We also used some of the money to fund a last minute lecture by Dr Sean Hufher and partially funded the biology symposium. Most of the Biology account money was spent on renovating the biology lounge. The renovation is still
incomplete, however, it is being used more frequently and the students are very grateful to see the
changes. **Below is a summary of all the items purchased using the account.**

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| Lectures                                               |       |
| Biology Symposium                                      | $200.00 |
| Lecture by Dr Sean Hofher                              | $66.83 |
| **Total**                                              | **$266.83** |

| Events                                                 |       |
| Biology Student movie night                            | $159.90 |
| Welcoming new graduate students                        | $300.00 |
| **Total**                                              | **$459.90** |

| **Total amount**                                       | **$3,087.44** |

**Spending Report – English Dept., Academic Year 2012-2013**

**Spending for academic year 2012-2013: $0**

Much of the lack of spending is due to internal restructuring going on in our department, as well as the closure of parts of Marist, specifically Marist 19, our grad school lounge, and the general disorganization of the GSA senator (me). **We will be having our year’s-end department party, for which we’ll be spending about $1,500-$1,700**, leaving us with somewhere between $1,754.61 and $1,554.61 (give or take), but I’m not clear about whether that comes off this year’s amount or next year’s. I assume if I submit before April 30, it will come off this year’s.

**Possible projects requiring spending in academic year 2013-2014** (many of these were in the works for the 2012-13 academic year but never came to fruition):

1. Continued refurbishment of Eng. grad student lounge, specifically wall art and possibly a new printer
2. Funding for an English-specific section of Dissertation Boot Camp
3. Possible funding for an English-specific dissertation support group
4. Speakers for area-specific groups within the English Dept., specifically 19th-Century British and American Lit. scholars
5. Possible additional funding for conferences
6. Possible additional funding for dissertation research, particularly at out-of-area libraries
7. English Dept. happy hours
8. Other social events geared toward creating collegiality amongst grad students in the dept. (attending plays, poetry slams, etc.)
9. The Eng. Dept. end-of-the-year party
10. Donations to causes supported by the GSA, specifically Murphy's Pub

While all of these may not be possible with the funds we have, these are ones that the English graduate students have identified as being important goals to work toward.

P.S. Sorry this is so discursive. I’m not getting a Ph.D. in English for nothing. You should see my dissertation.

**GSA Psychology Report**

GSA psychology money did not support/ fund any conferences this year.

GSA psychology money did not fund any lectures this year. Invited speakers are usually paid for by the psychology department, so GSA funds were not needed for this purpose.

- Number of events hosted by you, separate from the Events Committee

  I **hosted three events, each for people defending their dissertations**. Depending on the time of day, I supplied food and beverages for people attending the defending student's public talk.

- Number of hours of service done through your accounts, and not counted in our general service events

  6 hours -- I worked on the recent Graduate Student Conference, and I assisted with calling and thanking CUA contributors in the fall semester.

- Number of dollars donated to Murphy's and any other university initiative through your accounts

  I am planning to send out a letter to all the psychology graduate students and asking them about their feelings about Murphy's pub. I feel like I need more information about Murphy’s pub, and dates that it is going to open, etc. before I send out an email to people. I want to make sure the information I'm providing is up to date and accurate.

This year, the psychology GSA money was spent on many useful items that graduate students in the psychology department indicated they would like to have available. First, **the printer toner for the computer room is a high priority**. Printer toner costs around 400-500 dollars a year. Additionally, water is provided in the graduate student lounge through Deerpark. The water costs around 70-80 dollars a month, depending on how much is used.

Additional purchases were made to improve the graduate student lounge. Framed art was purchased which cost around 500 dollars. Other items to improve the appearance of the student lounge included a full length decorative mirror, clock, and office supplies.

Students also indicated they supported spending GSA money on thesis and dissertation defenses. The remainder of the monies this semester went toward providing food and beverages before the public talk of defending graduate students.

**The School of Theology and Religious Studies Rebate Funding Use Summary 2012-2013**

Submitted to GSA on April 24, 2013

On behalf of: Thaddeus Winker, Dana Christensen, Joshua Gonnerman, Larry King, Mary DeBroeck – GSA senators from STRS

The School of Theology and Religious Studies Student Association (STRSSA) has utilized the rebate money in various ways to enhance the lives of the students in STRS. We have co-sponsored with GSA several
lectures, providing approximately 50% of the total costs of each of three lectures this year. We have provided numerous social events for each of the eight areas within our school, including a Christmas party and beginning of the year gathering, a Meet the Dean, and an end of the year Vespers and a Town Hall Meeting with the Dean for this semester. We also sponsored a pre-conference for the *Pacem in Terris* Conference this spring, which featured graduate students from several universities. We funded approximately 7 area specific socials, and 9 STRSSA-wide socials throughout this year. We have assisted 7 students in conference attendance, covering things that GSA does not or picking up the remaining tab after GSA has provided funding. We have continued to supply coffee and tea for our Graduate Student Lounge, as well as provide ink and paper for the printer attached to our three computers for a general upkeep cost of $1,000. We purchased a scanner for our Lounge to provide students with easy access to scanning on campus, and added artwork and decorations to make the physical space more defined and more inviting. The biggest improvement to our Lounge this year has been the addition of a reference library, which has been a big hit! Constantly growing, it has over 200 volumes and is the most welcome addition to graduate student life!

Next year, we plan to continue to grow our library and student lounge. We also plan to hold at least four lectures, hopefully six, co-sponsored with GSA. We will continue to have social events both for the individual areas as well as for STRS as a whole. We hope to, with the help of GSA, facilitate the STRS graduate students in traveling to Baltimore for the Annual American Academy of Religion / Society for Biblical Literature meeting in November. We hope to continue to increase participation and fellowship in the school by our annual events such as Vespers and Meet the Dean, as well as by social events designed and executed by the elected representatives of each of the eight areas. STRSSA plans to continue to provide the same services to the STRS community as a whole, while encouraging the growing sense of community and socialization which has greatly enhanced our lives and enriched our scholarship. We will continue to focus both academically, with lectures and conference funding, as well as providing the social center of the STRS community. STRSSA hopes to continue to be a resource to the STRS community, providing the voice of the STRS student body and advocating for the continued enhancement of the student life and opportunities in STRS. We hope to continue as well our relationship with the Washington Theological Consortium, of which STRS is a member and which STRSSA
sends two representatives to each year in a continuing effort to expand relationships across the various theologically and religiously oriented schools in the Washington Metro area. A group of roughly 13 volunteers representing each of the eight areas and filling various positions including GSA senator, STRSSA is the heart of the STRS student community and hopes to continue its role, working closely with GSA, in next year and the future.

April 24, 2013

The Catholic University of America
Graduate Student Association Senate
End of the Year Report

During the 2012-2013 school year, we used portions of our rebate fund to help pay for refreshments at a number of graduate student events. Throughout the school year, we helped fund six graduate student socials, averaging over a dozen graduate students in History in attendance. These graduate student socials were held on Wednesday evenings, and they provided graduate students within the department to get to know each other outside of coursework, to reconnect after semesters TAing for other professors, and facilitated quality discussion among graduate students. These events allowed for mentoring and networking, and even a few members from Theology and Religious Studies and Medieval and Byzantine Studies attended.

In addition to the six graduate student socials, we also paid for refreshments at five graduate student colloquia. These graduate student-centered events allowed for Department of History graduate students to present original research and to receive feedback from their peers. These events allowed for graduate students to provide and receive helpful criticism and allowed for professionalization. Two of the graduate students who presented chapters of their dissertation at these graduate colloquia successfully defended their dissertations earlier this week, and will be newly-minted Doctors of Philosophy in history this May.

With the help of the GSA Lectures Committee, we invited Laura Trauth (Ph.D., The Catholic University of America, 2012) to present her Using Maps in Historical Research lecture. We were very excited to have fifteen people in attendance across departments. Dr. Trauth’s lecture was extremely helpful for understanding the available methodology and software in the field of geographic information systems. This lecture was well received, and we hope to invite Dr. Trauth back to campus again in the future. In the coming year, we are gearing up for spending more money on grad graduate student events and more time and effort into having graduate students within the Department take the initiative in organizing more lectures like this one.

Respectfully submitted,

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&
Patrick Kelleher, Alternate
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The Catholic University of America
Department of History
We are proud to be associated with the GSA. We joined later in the semester when we noticed that we were not represented. We have some exciting things planned for the future, including a farewell party for graduating students and some faculty, as well as lectures in the fall.

-Clement Kamaru