AY 2012 Strategic Plan

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Executive Summary

- The primary issues being faced by the Modern Languages Department is the lack of an adequate working environment for graduate students to plan courses and conduct research. Graduate students are allocated cubicles in McMahon 401; however, there is a dire need to upgrade office furniture in order to improve the student’s academic life. There is also a need to create a sense of camaraderie amongst current graduate students—those taking classes and those writing their dissertations—at all levels of the program. In addition, we want to make sure students taking comprehensive exams/finishing dissertation are recognized for their accomplishments and hard work. In order to reach this end, funds will be allocated to the purchasing of new furniture as well as sponsoring a variety of social/academic events.

- The key initiatives for the 2012 academic year are: Provide students with new office furniture in graduate student office (McMahon 401). Provide students with more opportunities to socialize with others within our department by holding a variety of events. Provide students taking comprehensive—master’s and doctoral—exams with brunch during their two-day—master’s—or three-day—doctoral exam.
AY 2012 Environment

➤ **Opportunities:**

- Fellow graduate student will take a keen interest with GSA sponsored events, opportunities and activities—such as volunteering to reach this year’s service goal.

- Graduate students will receive frequent updates about events and opportunities offered by GSA: Students are willing to attend more sponsored activities, such as Crabfest, when given ample time to pencil it in.

➤ **Challenges:**

- Provide funding for student conferences for the 2011-2012 AY.

- Providing students with a small stipend from own monetary fund for expenses accrued during conference/lecture presentations.
AY 2012 Strategic Issues

Strategic Issue: Provide new office chairs for graduate student cubicles: Provide ongoing social/academic event opportunities; Provide some funding for student conferences; Provide support during capstone projects as well as examination weeks.

- Goal – Plan 2 social events
  - Action – Buy new office chairs for graduate student cubicles
  - Action – Provide brunch for students taking comprehensive examinations
  - Action - Allocate a small monetary fund for student conferences
  - Action - Host a variety of social events rewarding student accomplishments

Resources Needed: Three masters and one doctoral student are taking comprehensive examinations this month. Senators and fellow colleagues are providing brunch during those three days of intense examinations.

- Buying new office chairs for student offices
- Capstone/examinations celebration and recognitions. Events will require time and money.
Summary

The major initiatives for the 2011-2012 AY are to create a greater sense of camaraderie amongst graduate students within our small department. Recognize and support students during pivotal points of their degree. Support ongoing research through monetary funding for student conferences/lectures. Inform students about GSA sponsored activities and involvement opportunities through constant communication, such as holding meetings and sending emails.