Committee Missions Handout

2010 - 2011 Academic Year

The Ohio State University
Council of Graduate Students

- Academic Relations
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- Committee on Diversity, Inclusion & International Student Concerns (DIISC)
- Graduate Health & Wellness Committee
- Governmental Relations Committee
- Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum Steering Committee
- Outreach & Engagement Committee
- Ray Travel Award Committee
- Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC)
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Academic Relations Committee
The mission of the academic relations committee is twofold: a) to assure graduate student perspectives and needs are addressed in the creation or modification of academic programs and policies, and b) to keep the graduate student population informed of academic opportunities. We are committed to advocating for interdisciplinary work and to working with leaders in every area to best support the academic success of all graduate students.

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Communications & Information Technology Committee
The Communications and Information Technology Committee maintains their mission to be the publication, presentation, and maintenance of information relating to the Council of Graduate Students. In support of this mission, the goal of this Committee is to continually expand the presence and influence of the Council as well as enhance its image and credibility inside and outside of The Ohio State University.

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Committee on Diversity, Inclusion & International Student Concerns (DIISC)
DIISC strives to provide a university community that explores and embraces graduate student diversity. Through programming around education, awareness and activism student leadership around issues of diversity, inclusion and international affairs will be increased.

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Graduate Health & Wellness Committee
Through a variety of partnerships and current research the Graduate Health and Wellness Committee is focused on creating and promoting an environment of health, safety and education throughout the university and outside community.

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Governmental Relations Committee
The Government Relations Committees Charge is to foster new partnerships, reinforce existing relationships and rekindle old associations to build a concerted effort towards making the graduate school experience the best possible at a regional, state and national level.

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Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum Steering Committee

Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum Steering Committee maintains its mission to be to collaborate with students, staff, faculty, and administration to host a premier research forum to promote and advance Graduate Student Research.

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Outreach & Engagement Committee

The Outreach and Engagement Committee maintains their mission as, to promote meaningful and mutually beneficial collaborations with undergraduate students, faculty, staff, as well as public and social service. Seeks to contribute to committees, events and programs by designing productive and quality interactions with our communities.

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Ray Travel Award Committee

The aim of the Ray Travel award is to promote the participation of all graduate students in professional conferences through financial support of these activities. Awards are given to distinguished graduate students that apply for awards. The award covers expenses such as travel, accommodation, conference registration, etc. The Ray Travel award distinguishes itself from other awards by placing an emphasis on service to department, university, community, etc.

The Ray Travel award committee will serve as the primary authority to ensure a fair, accessible, and relevant award. The committee also serves as the primary body through which award policy is defined. Examples of policy may include (but are not limited to): funding amounts, number of awards, and eligibility criteria.

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Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC)

The mission of SERC is to foster the development of environmentally and economically responsible leadership on the Ohio State Campus through awareness and outreach, partnerships, and engagement with the larger Columbus community. As the challenges facing the 21st century have become better elucidated by science over the past several decades, we come together to work on the most urgent and necessary solutions here at the Ohio State University campus. We will encourage sustainable practices being incorporated into the ongoing academic research, educational programming, student initiatives, on-campus operations, and the built environment.

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