

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE - GSS SENATOR

The role of the Graduate Student Senate is to enhance the quality of life for the graduate students of USU. This will be accomplished through legislation initiated from both the Graduate Student Senate and through direct advocating to University Administration, College Deans and College Administration.

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- I. The Science GSS Senator's main purpose is to represent the graduate students in the College of Science to:
 - A. The ASUSU Graduate Student Senate and University Administration.
 1. The GSS senator shall serve as a member of the ASUSU Graduate Student Senate and any appropriate committee, sub-committee.
 - a. It is the responsibility of the GSS Senator to communicate the desires and will of graduate students in that college on any matters that involve or are funded in any part by graduate student fees.
 - b. The GSS senator may sit jointly with the College of Science AS Senator on any committee where allowed and where there is interest in graduate student input.
 - c. Shall serve on the following committees:
 - i. GSS Symposium Committee
 - ii. Two other internal standing committees as appointed/approved by the GSS President
 - iii. Athletic Student Administrative Fee Committee
 - iv. Academic Standards Subcommittee
 2. The senator shall actively participate in Graduate Student Senate meetings which will include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Discussion of current GSS and ASUSU Activities and Legislation
 - b. Discussion of senators' progress and priorities
 - c. Discussion of college concerns and issues
 - d. The senator shall develop a working relationship with their counterpart on the Academic Senate and establish a graduate student presence at activities initiated by the Academic Science Senator, including but not limited to the designated college week.
 - i. The senator shall be the official voice in college matters that are unique to graduate students. Thesis, dissertation, candidacy

exam, and committee issues, etc., having to do solely with graduate students are the jurisdiction of the GSS, not the Academic Senate.

- B. The College of Science Dean, College administration, and College faculty.
 - 1. The senator shall meet with the Dean and Associate Dean of Academics of their college at least monthly.
 - a. Discuss graduate academic issues and graduate student concerns.
 - b. Report on progress of the GSS and Department Representatives' of the College of Science.
 - 2. The senator shall attend Department Head/Administrative Council, and other needed college administrative meetings to:
 - a. Discuss graduate academic issues, graduate student concerns, and to keep informed of college administration/faculty issues.
 - b. Report on GSS and Department Representatives' progress.
- II. The College of Science Senator shall organize and maintain contact with their Department Representatives:
 - A. They shall conduct, at minimum, monthly meetings either electronically or in person.
 - B. They shall discuss current GSS and ASUSU legislation and senate legislative priorities and work with the Department Representatives.
 - C. They shall develop or establish a graduate student presence in programs that promote their college and provide college specific opportunities for the students in the areas of alumni relations, faculty relations, and clubs and organizations.
 - D. They shall work on retaining and aiding graduate students within the college through the peer mentor program by focusing on the following principles:
 - a. Every graduate student needs association with other graduate students within the College.
 - b. Every graduate student needs to be involved through the council, clubs, departments, college or University activities.
 - c. Every graduate student needs to find academic success.
- III. Student Contact

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- A. The senator shall strive to spend time within the different departmental buildings contacting students. Effort should be made to encourage involvement of the Department Representatives to enhance communication.
 - B. The senator shall also strive to attend club meetings, activities and service projects as a source of contacting graduate students.
- IV. The College of Science GSS Senator shall provide training for and facilitate a smooth transition for the newly elected senator.
- A. They shall prepare a year-end report of activities, programs, and issues.