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JANUARY 24 – FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 21 – APRIL 25
DECEMBER 6, 2012 – COUNCIL AGENDA

Meetings held at 6:30PM in the Notre Dame Room (2nd Floor)

- **Roll Call/Sign-In**
- **Approval of the Minutes** (November 15, 2012)
- **Executive Committee’s Report**: Doug Rice, Kate Rueff, Kevin Mueller
- **Break-Out Committees**
  - **Committee Reports**
    - Academic Affairs – Zack Terranova
    - External Affairs – Hilary Davidson
    - Health Care – Ricky Klee, Lindsey Turnbull
    - Marketing/Merchandising Specialist – Mayra Duarte
    - Orientation & Electronic Resources – Diana LaTorre
    - Professional Development – Erin Drew
    - Publicity & Procedures – Kyle Watson
    - Quality of Life – Tony Cunningham
    - Social – Kara Harmatys, Sydney Blevins
  - **University Committees**
    - Academic Council – Zack Terranova
    - Academic Technologies – Diana LaTorre
    - Ad-Hoc Funding Committee – Tony Cunningham
    - Energy & Environmental Issues – Hilary Davidson
    - Faculty Senate – Kevin Mueller
    - Graduate Council – Doug Rice, Kate Rueff
    - Library Committee – Zack Terranova
    - LaFortune Tenants – Kara Harmatys, Sydney Blevins
    - Professional Development TREC Committee – Erin Drew
    - Traffic Appeals – Tony Cunningham
    - University Healthcare – Ricky Klee, Lindsey Turnbull
    - Women Faculty & Students – Jade Avelis, Catherine Rastovski
- **New Business**
  - GSU 2012-2013 Budget
- **Old Business**
- **Adjournment**
Minutes

November 15, 2012

OFFICERS: Doug Rice, Chemistry and Biochemistry (GSU President); Kevin Mueller, Civil and Environmental Engineering (Co-Vice President); Kate Rueff, Physics (GSU Co-Vice President).

CHAIRS: Zack Terranova, Chemistry and Biochemistry (Academic Affairs); Lindsey Turnbull, Biological Science (Health Care); Hilary Davidson, Sociology (External Affairs); Erin Drew, English (Professional Development); Kyle Watson, Chemistry and Biochemistry (Publicities and Procedures); Tony Cunningham, Psychology (Quality of Life); Kara Harmatys, Chemistry and Biochemistry (Social); Sydney Blevins, Chemistry and Biochemistry (Social).

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES: Zack Terranova (Academic Council and Library Committee); Kevin Mueller (Faculty Senate); Doug Rice (Graduate Council); Kate Rueff (Graduate Council); Kara Harmatys (LAFO Tenant Committee); Sydney Blevins (LAFO Tenant Committee); Erin Drew (Professional Development); Tony Cunningham (Traffic Appeals); Lindsey Turnbull (University Healthcare Committee); Hilary Davidson (Energy and Environmental Issues); Jade Avelis (Women Faculty and Students); Catherine Rastovski (Women Faculty and Students).

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Temistocle Grenga (Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering); Kelsie Hoke (Architecture); Katherine Torvinen (Architecture); Justin Barfield (Art, Art History & Design); Amanda Joseph (Art, Art History & Design); Quintin Sheridan (Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering); Steven Marczak (Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering); Doug Hines (Chemistry and Biochemistry); Kristi Pellegrini (Civil and Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences); Clare Brogan (Classics); Eva Van Leemput (Economics); Mingming Cai (Electrical Engineering); Garrett Seelinger (English); Mackenzie Dome (Global Health Program); Bry Martin (History); Nicholas Bonneau (History); Hannah Zdansky (Literature Program PhD); Kathleen Ansaldo (Mathematics); Doug Smith (Mathematics); Brandon Cook (Medieval Institute); Megan Welton (Medieval Institute); Patrick Gamez (Philosophy); Edward Lamere (Physics); Kyle Beam (Political Science); Jeremy Castle (Political Science); Lori Petersen (Psychology); Mario Antonio CossioOlavide (Romance Language and Literature); Jade Avelis (Sociology); Sarah Schreiber (Theology PhD); Lorraine Cuddeback (Theology PhD).

FISCHER O’HARE GRACE RESIDENCE – UNIVERSITY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES – UNIVERSITY VILLAGE RESIDENCE: Peter Campbell (University Village).

1. Doug Rice, President, called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.
2. Moment of silence for Michael Thigpen who passed away this month.
3. Doug Rice, President, called for any additions or changes to the meeting minutes from September 27, 2012.
   a. Kyle Watson, Publicity and Procedures, said that the September 27, 2012 minutes needed to be changed. The minutes state that Doug Rice, President, seconded the meeting adjournment. Doug Hines, Chemistry and Biochemistry, actually seconded.
4. Jade Avelis, Sociology, moved to approve the minutes from September 27, 2012.
5. Zach Terranova, Academic Affairs, seconds.
6. Doug Rice proceeded with the voting and the motion passed unanimously.
7. Doug Rice proceeded to executive committee reports:
   a. Doug Rice, President, stated his report stands.
   b. Kate Rueff, Co-Vice President, report stands.
   c. Kevin Mueller, Co-Vice President, showed what the t-shirt we are selling looks like. If we sell a lot, the cost per shirt goes down and the proceeds will go to charity.
      i. Zack Terranova, Academic Affairs, asked where the GSU stands in representing or determining the base stipend of the graduate students now that they are going to be decided by the deans and distributed by the individual colleges.
      ii. Kate Rueff, Co-Vice President, stated that the graduate school is decentralizing the stipends to the colleges. The individual colleges will now be paying the stipends. The deans themselves will fundraise to bring in more money for stipends. There is still a base salary. There is more flexibility now though. It is recommended to start in 2014. The GSU can still advocate for the grad school.
      iii. Lindsey Turnbull, Health Care, asked what the difference between a provost and a dean.
      iv. Kate Rueff, Co-Vice President, the associate provost will be housed in the provost office. The associate provost will have a tagline of “Dean of the Graduate School” if he needs it. In terms of Notre Dame, a provost title will be more useful. It is all coming out in a report after they are approved through appropriate channels.
8. Doug Rice, President, called for a 10-minute breakout for committees.
9. Doug Rice, President, passed around a sign-up sheet for the concession stand this coming weekend.
10. Doug Rice proceeded to Committee reports:
    a. Zack Terranova, Academic Affairs, stated that his report stands.
    b. Hilary Davidson, External Affairs, stated that her report stands. She also added that they are putting together a tumbler and newsletter about how to best enjoy life in South Bend and how to get acclimated. They want to send out a survey. If anyone has expertise in developing surveys, please let her know: hdavidso@nd.edu
       i. Nicholas Bonneau, History, suggested using Doodle Polls.
       ii. Kate Rueff, Co-Vice President, said that they are looking for more of a full survey.
    c. Lindsey Turnbull, Healthcare, stated that her report stands. She said that 106
people came out for the blood drive.

1. Kate Rueff, Co-Vice President, said that she liked that Chipotle offered
free burritos to anyone who gave blood.

d. Mayra Duarte, Marketing and Merchandising, was absent.
e. Diana LaTorre, Orientation and Electronic Resources, was absent.
f. Erin Drew, Professional Development, stated that her report stands.
g. Kyle Watson, Publicity and Procedures, stated that his report stands.
h. Tony Cunningham, Quality of Life, stated that his report stands. He mentioned
that the faith fair was a moderate success. He mentioned that campus ministries
would like to cosponsor the event next year. They will aide in publicizing the
events too so the event should have more clout. He is having a conversation with
Kyle Watson, Publicity and Procedures, about adding housing opportunities
around the area for graduate students to the GSU webpage. Also, this Friday
(November 16) at 12pm, the DuLac committee will be meeting at 502 Main
Building. Come and talk about what changes needed to be made. The housing
meeting will be after Thanksgiving. We also need more ambassadors. If anyone is
interested please email him: [acunnin1@nd.edu].
i. Sydney Blevins and Kara Harmatys, Social, stated that their report stands. Kara
would like to let people know about the upcoming Christmas party on 12/7 at 8 PM
at Legends. We will be making Christmas cards for local nursing homes. We will
also be raising money for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. The children’s party is
12/8 at 9:30am at the community center of the University Village.
   i. Kristi Pelligrini, Civil and Environmental Engineering and Earth
Sciences, stated that last year we had a graduate student dress like Santa
Christmas.
   ii. Kara Harmatys, Social, said that the committee is looking around. If
anyone has a suggestion, please email the committee: [kharmaty@nd.edu].
   iii. Kyle Watson, Publicity and Procedures, asked if the committee had any
nursing homes in mind for the card donations.
   iv. Kara Harmatys responded in the negative.
   v. Kyle Watson stated that he knew of a company that would appreciate the
donations.

11. Doug Rice, President, proceeded to University Committees:
   a. Zack Terranova, Academic Council, stated that his report stands.
   b. Diana LaTorre, Academic Technologies, was absent.
   c. Tony Cunningham, Ad-Hoc Funding Committee, stated that his report stands.
   d. Hilary Davidson, Energy and Environmental Issues, stated that her report stands.
   e. Kate Rueff, Faculty Senate, stated that her report stands.
   f. Kate Rueff, Graduate Council, stated that her report stands.
   g. Zack Terranova, Library Committee, stated that his report stands
   h. Kara Harmatys and Sydney Blevins, LaFortune Tenants, stated that their report
stands.
   i. Erin Drew, TREC, stated that her report stands
   j. Tony Cunningham, Traffic Appeals, stated that the committee has not met yet.
However, he hasn’t heard from the parking/traffic office.
      i. Kate Rueff, Co-Vice President, asked if they plan on meeting.
      ii. Mimi Beck, Director of Graduate Student Life, said they haven’t met.
      iii. Kate Rueff asked how appeals could be submitted and processed if they
aren't meeting.

iv. Mimi said that must be backed up and haven't addressed appeals.

k. Lindsey Turnbull, *Healthcare*, stated that the committee hasn't met yet.

l. Jade Avelis and Catherine Rastovski, *Women Faculty and Students*, stated that their report stands.

i. Patrick Gamez, *Philosophy*, asked if there are open spots for new members or if people can come to the meetings to voice their concerns.

ii. Catherine Rastovski, *Women Faculty and Students*, said that the committee does not have open meetings.

iii. Jade Avelis, *Women Faculty and Students*, said that they are very open to hearing suggestions though.

iv. Mimi Beck, *Director of Graduate Student Life*, mentioned that the adoption policy for maternity leave came out of the committee.

12. Doug Rice, *President*, called for new business:

a. Doug Rice, *President*, presented a resolution from the GSU concerning the construction plans near the University Village: “The GSU would like to express its concern about the pace at which the University is moving forward with plans to expand and re-route Douglas Road. In particular, we are concerned about the safety of graduate student families attempting to cross the proposed four-lane road. This matter is especially urgent given that a student was recently killed attempting to cross State Road 933 and another was struck while crossing Twyckenham Drive. Before moving forward with the proposed road project, the University should have adequate measures in place so that graduate student families, especially children, can safely cross.”

b. Peter Campbell, *University Village*, read a letter to the editor of the Observer:

i. “To the Editor: We live at University Village, home of Notre Dame’s graduate student families, and we are stakeholders in this University that we love. Notre Dame is proposing to expand and reroute Douglas Road directly in front of where we live. It is very likely that this proposal will be approved by the county. After hearing a presentation from representatives of the University on Oct. 9, we had numerous concerns about how the new four-lane highway would affect us. The safety of our families is of primary importance. In particular, we are concerned about crossing a busy four-lane highway without proper safety measures in place. On Oct. 17, we met with John Affleck-Graves, Executive Vice President, and Erin Hoffman Harding, Vice President of Student Affairs. After assuring us that family housing is a priority for Notre Dame, they requested specific proposals to diminish the impact of the new road on our community. The proposal we submitted this week calls for measures to keep vehicle speeds below 35 mph, an important safety threshold, as well as a crosswalk with sufficient safety features. Further, the proposed road follows a straight line passing about 150 feet from our homes and where our children play. If the road were more curved, traffic could be naturally slowed and more green space at the Village could be preserved. We are currently working with the administration on these and other proposals and we encourage other members of the Notre Dame community to be aware of, and involved in, this important project that will shape the university’s future for years to come.” – Simone and Wes Hamrick,
University Village, and Angela and Peter Campbell, University Village.

c. Peter Campbell stated that the purpose of this proposal is to ensure that before the plan gets accepted, that the safety provisions are in the plan rather than having the safety measures being added on ad hoc bases. The difference between less than 35 mph versus over 35 mph has a dramatic effect on the possibility of death. We are meeting with Jon Graves again tomorrow (November 16th) afternoon.

d. Kate Rueff, Co-Vice President, mentioned that all of the text in the proposal would be approved if the resolution were passed.

e. Lindsey Turnbull, Healthcare, asked if there is anything that we as individuals can do to ensure that these safety measures are included.

f. Peter Campbell said that one of the responses to the letter was that everything was in the counties hands. There has been “double speak.” Each one says that it is in the other’s hands. The plan is being read on November 27 and the county representative can and will speak on behalf of the Village. The plan will be voted on December 4th. The goal is to try to slow the process and to try and include the safety provisions.

g. Nicholas Bonneau, History, asked what the speed limit is projected to be.

h. Peter Campbell said that it would likely be around 40 mph. We just want it to be reduced around the village.

i. Patrick Gamez, Philosophy, said that there should be actual dates on the resolution.

j. Kate Rueff concurred.

k. Lindsey Turnbull asked about the crossing at Twyckenham. She asked if we could also propose that we include more light sources at all crosswalks because there is poor visibility at night.

l. Peter Campbell said that these are also important because there was a student struck on Twyckenham while trying to cross.

m. Doug Rice, President, said that the lights at the crossings would need to be a separate movement.

n. Peter Campbell said that the Twyckenham crossing would be an example of the crossing at the Village would likely be.

o. Robert, Theology, asked if it would be a four lane round with a lower speed limit.

p. Peter Campbell said that the proposal would include a road bend so that people would naturally slow down.

q. Jeremy Castle, Political Science, motions to approve with changes including adding the specific dates in the resolution.

r. Kristi Pellegrini, Civil and Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences, seconds.

s. Motion clearly passes with changes.

13. Doug Rice, President, called for old business:

a. Doug Rice said that we have a concession stand this Saturday and that all graduate students can get free food with their IDs.

b. Jeremy Castle, Political Science, asked if there would be a Facebook event.

c. Kyle Watson, Publicity and Procedures, said he would do this.

d. Kate Rueff, Co-Vice President, said that if you volunteer, you get a hat and free food. If you volunteer to help in the morning, she will bring doughnuts.

e. Doug Rice said that last year the GSU made around $1,000 and that this year’ proceeds will go to the pregnant and parenting student fund.
f. Katie Hike, *Architecture*, asked for clarification on what charity the funds would go to.

g. Doug Rice said the pregnant and parenting student fund is a way for parents to get a little more help to defer the cost of having children with the graduate student stipend.

h. Mimi Beck, *Director of Graduate Student Life*, said that it started about 18 months ago. The main benefactors have been GSU and a private donor. We are trying to use a deferral program to try and lessen the strain on the funds until the program is more fully funded.

14. Doug Rice, *President*, introduced Mimi Beck, *Director of Graduate Student Life*.

15. Mimi Beck, *Director of Graduate Student Life*, said that the graduate life grant deadline was today. However, students were having issues with the PDF format of the application sent out. The deadline will be extended. Ann Moran and Mimi are co-presenting a workshop at an internal professional development event in January called “A Day in the Life of a Graduate Student.” The goal is to show university staff that graduate students are not the same as undergraduates and need different services. If you are interested in carrying around a video camera to document your daily life (especially during the holidays) please contact Mimi: [mimi.a.beck.15@nd.edu](mailto:mimi.a.beck.15@nd.edu).

   a. Kyle Watson, *Publicity and Procedures*, asked what the new deadline is for the grants will be.

   b. Mimi Beck said that the applications would be due by 8am the Monday after Thanksgiving.

   c. Tony Cunningham, *Quality of Life*, asked if the new application deadline would push back the approval timeline.

   d. Mimi Beck responded in the negative.


18. Doug Rice, *President*, proceeds to vote. Motion passes unopposed.

19. Meeting adjourned at 7:26PM.

Minutes Submitted by Kyle Watson
Executive Committee Report
December 2012
Submitted by Doug Rice, Kevin Mueller and Kate Rueff

Grad Life Team
The Grad Life team met on November 28th. We discussed the measures that are taken to inform the Notre Dame community when a death occurs on campus and how they can be improved.

Concession Stand
The GSU manned a concession stand November 17th during the Wake Forest game. We earned approximately $1,200 which was a great success! All profits will go to the Pregnant and Parenting fund.

GSU Budget
Doug, Kevin and Kate met to finalize the GSU budget for the school year. The budget will be presented at the meeting for approval.

Accreditation Committee
The accreditation committee on ‘Ethical and Responsible Conduct’ will meet next week to continue gathering materials involving the ethical measures our university takes while conducting education and research. Doug is continuing to put together a report which details the honor codes in the MBA, Law and graduate programs which is due before Christmas.
Academic Affairs
December 2012
Submitted by Zack Terranova zterrano@nd.edu

Academic Council & Advanced Studies Committee
The Academic Council and Advanced Studies Committee met on November 7, 2012. Chris Maziar gave a report on salary equity where it was found that there is no salary inequity found within Notre Dame’s faculty. During the Advanced Studies Committee we met with Mimi Beck and John Lubker where they laid out the goals and mission of Notre Dame’s Graduate Student Life. This is a new program that seeks to better the lives of graduate students by focusing on various facets of student’s wellbeing. This is a great program that looks to complement certain roles within the GSU.

University Committee on Libraries
The Library Survey was sent out to all graduate students and postdocs beginning November 26. The results will be compiled after the close date of December 7. Our next UCL meeting is scheduled for December 6.

I received a complaint regarding the 7th floor Byzantine Reading Room of the Hesburgh Library. There are some undergraduate tenants that are not respecting the space by eating food and upsetting local graduate students. This issue will be raised at the next UCL meeting.

Symposium
The call for abstracts will be opening on December 1 for all graduate students and postdocs to submit abstracts for the chance to present at the GSU Symposium.

I am in the beginning stages of reserving the room and ordering food via SAOnline.
External Affairs
December 2012
Submitted by Hilary Davidson

RCLC Writing Center
I am currently recruiting graduate students to collaborate in the development of a community writing center at the RCLC. We meet again on December 6 to discuss vision, a timeline, and details. We are tentatively opening the center in February. Graduate students are especially encouraged to serve as mentors and volunteers. If you are interested or have ideas, please email me at hdavidson@nd.edu. We are working hard to provide a good service to the community, while also taking stock of the special talents and skills that graduate students in particular may bring to the center. Tours of the RCLC specifically for graduate students will be made available at the start of next semester or sooner if there is enough interest.

Volunteer Opportunities and Civic Engagement
Since the RCLC Writing Center will be taking more time to get off the ground, I am meeting with Center for Social Concerns Staff on December 3 to discuss other opportunities for graduate students and how we can better link graduate students into the CSC. Please also note that the City of South Bend is open to graduate students’ ideas for improvement and projects. I am happy to put anyone in contact with the appropriate people or discuss ideas along these lines. In addition, Habitat for Humanity is a promising partner for both long and short-term action and we’re exploring future collaborations.

The Volunteering Campaign
To bolster the two items above and reach out to graduate students who may be interested in volunteering or becoming more engaged with our community, I am working with Susan Gunderson to develop an ad-campaign to encourage the ND graduate community to be mindful of how they can give of their time, resources, and talents.
Healthcare
December 2012
Submitted by Lindsey B. Turnbull & Richard Klee

South Bend Medical Center’s Fall Blood Drive – November 14, 2012
The Blood Drive summary from Abigail Murphy is listed below. We had the highest turn-
out so far for any GSU blood drive, in part due to the sponsorship by Chipotle. We will
continue to partner with Chipotle for future drives, and greatly appreciate their support for
this event.

Number of donors signed up: 98
Number of donors signed in: 102
Number of Deferrals: 31
Number of double red cell donors: 3
Total number of drive units: 74

Healthcare Committee Meeting
The Healthcare committee will meet on December 6th to discuss additional information that
should be available to students on the website and other methods of providing information,
develop a healthcare questionnaire for students to complete online, and begin to develop
plans for a graduate student healthcare fair.
Marketing and Merchandise Specialist  
Mayra Duarte  
December 2012

GSU Christmas Party  
I designed a poster for the GSU Christmas Party on December 7th at Legend's. A version of this poster is loaded on the LCD monitor in LaFortune.

GSU Symposium  
I am currently designing a Call for Abstracts poster for the GSU Symposium in February 2013. Besides this poster, there will be an extra poster for the event, email advertising, and images in the LCD monitor in LaFortune.
Orientation and Resources
December 2012
Submitted by Diana La Torre

Orientation and Resources Committee
We are still hoping to get a printer for University Village. We did not have a UCAT meeting in November; however, one is scheduled for Friday, December 7th. I will inform the council the decision and steps needed to proceed. Please let me know if you would like anything else brought up.

Also, please feel free to contact me [dlatorre@nd.edu] with any other issues pertaining to resources.
Professional Development
December 2012
Submitted by Erin Drew

TREC Committee
The committee met on November 26 to discuss details of the upcoming mock interview event. The committee will meet again on December 10 to finalize dates and other details. See “Upcoming Events” below.

Recent TREC-sponsored events
TREC has not sponsored any events since the last meeting.

Upcoming TREC-sponsored Events
The Mock Interview Day will take place Monday, February 25. Times and locations TBD. The event will give students the opportunity to sign up for short mock interviews with professionals from several different areas in academia, government and industry. We are working to locate several interviewers appropriate for each career path and Ph.D. specialty/division. If you or someone you know have a contact at a company/agency/university who you think might be interested in participating, please contact me ASAP at edrew@nd.edu.

Students will be required to submit a CV or resume prior to the mock interview. They will receive a packet of information on CV/resume writing upon registration, and the Career Center will be available for CV/resume consultations.

In addition to the mock interviews, TREC will sponsor an “Interview Dos and Don’ts” workshop in early February as preparation/advertising for the mock interview event, as well as a cocktail and networking hour to wrap up Mock Interview Day. We will likely pitch the two events as a two-part series on job interviews.

Finally, TREC will sponsor an event or activity in conjunction with Graduate Student Appreciation Week, February 18-22. It will likely either be a graduate picture day or a professional development scavenger hunt. Details to come.
Publicity and Procedures  
December 2012  
Submitted by Kyle D. Watson

**Website**
We are still planning on setting up the housing information on the website (delayed because of the holidays). If you have any suggestions, please let me know: kwatson2@nd.edu.

**Newsletter**
I have continued to send out a weekly newsletter on Mondays. The last newsletter was sent on 26 November 2012. It was opened by 35% of the recipients (845 students). Overall, the newsletter is sent out to 2396 students. If there are any events that you would like to mention in the newsletter, please get them to me kwatson2@nd.edu by the end of Friday for the upcoming Monday newsletter. If you have any suggestions on how the newsletter could be improved, please let me know.

**Facebook & Twitter**
As of 29 November 2012, there are 301 people who “like” and follow the GSU Facebook page. This month, I have advertised for the GSU T-shirt sales, and the GSU Christmas party. If you have any events you would like posted on the Facebook page, let me know. I am also open to suggestions for how to improve the page.

The Twitter page has 57 followers.
Quality of Life
December 2012
Submitted by Tony Cunningham

LGBTQ Subcommittee (10 members)
Arranging one final meeting time prior to break to come up with a game plan for the spring Graduate Ally Training.

Graduate Resource and Problem Resolution (GRPR) Hour (7 members)
Traffic has tapered off but we have managed to resolve a few cases. Plan to keep plugging along to provide a resource to the graduate school community. Looking into developing a FAQ and important contact list.

Housing Subcommittee (6 members)
The housing subcommittee will have its first official meeting on December 5th at 5pm to discuss the goals and the best way to keep the Housing conversation going. Also need to prep a list of needs for VP of student affairs.

Graduate School Ambassador Subcommittee (3 members)
Could still use a few more volunteers. Members would be asked to visit departments and give their story of what it is like to be a graduate student at Notre Dame. No special stories or extravagant preparation needed. Please contact acunnin1@nd.edu if you are interested.

Du Lac subcommittee (7 members)
Met and discussed the direction of the group. Pieces of du Lac have been divided up amongst the committee members to review over break. Also are getting contacts with the Law School and MBA program in order to get their input.
Social Report
December 2012
Submitted by Kara Harmatys and Sydney Blevins

Fall Events 2012

Christmas Party
Friday, December 7th from 8:00 to 11:00pm. We have reserved Legend’s club area for graduate students and spouses/guests. Legends will provide us with both hot and cold appetizers, water, and lemonade. A cash bar will also be available. We encourage everyone to wear their favorite ugly Christmas sweater and participate in the Christmas sweater contest (winner will receive a gift card prize). We will also have a gingerbread house contest, with the winning team receiving a gift card prize. There will be supplies for students to make Christmas cards that we will deliver to a local nursing home. Additionally, we will be collecting monetary donations to send to the Red Cross to help with relief for Hurricane Sandy.

Children’s Christmas Party
Saturday, December 8th from 9:30am to 12:00pm. We will be having a Christmas party for the children of graduate students at the Community Center at University Village. We will have hot chocolate, juice, and cookies and the children will be decorating Christmas cards for family members. We will show a children’s Christmas movie along with a visit from Santa to give each child a small gift.

Spring Events 2013

Morris Performing Arts Center
- Shrek the Musical. February 9th @ 2:00pm (two tickets per ID).
- Wicked. Saturday, May 11th @ 8:00pm (two tickets per ID).

Compton Family Ice Center
Sunday, February 10th from 4:00 to 6:00pm
University Committee on Women Faculty and Students
December 2012
Jade Avelis and Catherine Rastovski

The UCWFS has not met since the last GSU meeting. The final meeting for the semester is scheduled for Friday, December 7th.