

GSS Fall '06

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- 9/7: General Body Meeting, Spartan Rm (Thwing)[†], 12-1pm. Food!
- 9/7: Information Fair, Thwing Ctr, 11am-2pm. Food and Prizes!
- 9/11: Grad student input to the Presidential Search Committee, Dively Ctr., 1:30-2:30pm
- 9/12: Preparing Future Professionals: Dr. Hoh, "Looking Ahead to Professional Life: Leadership, Gender, & Diversity", Nord 310B, 5-6pm. Food!
- 9/13: Case Community Day, Thwing Ctr, all day
- 9/14: Welcome BBQ, KSL Oval, 11am-1pm. Food!
- 9/15: CASE @ the Jake, Game time: 7pm
- 9/21: **Special Vote**, General Body Meeting, Spartan Rm (Thwing)[†], 12-1pm. Food!

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- 10/5: General Body Meeting, Spartan Rm (Thwing)[†], 12-1pm. Food!
- 10/10: Preparing Future Professionals: Dr. Dorothy Miller, "A Macro Look at Gender and Diversity in the University & Beyond", TBA, 5-6pm. Food!
- 10/28: Halloween @ the Farm, 5-10pm. Food! (Date Tentative)

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- 11/2: General Body Meeting, Spartan Rm (Thwing)[†], 12-1pm. Food!
- 11/6: Food Drive Begins
- 11/14: Preparing Future Professionals: Dr. Diana Bilimoria, Dr. Miriam Simpson, and Dr. Cyrus Taylor, "What's a Graduate Student to do? Institutional Transformation, Personal Responsibility, and the Student Role: A Panel Discussion", Nord 310B, 5-6pm. Food!
- 11/17: Food Drive Ends
- 11/17: GSS Grad Night Out, Jillian's (Cedar/Fairmont), 7-11pm. Food and Pool!

December

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- 12/7: General Body Meeting, Spartan Rm (Thwing)[†], 12-1pm. Food!
- 12/8: Last day of classes.

[†]: Primary location. Meetings may be moved as needed. Updates & details at gss.case.edu

The Graduate Student Senate

The representative body for graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in the School of Graduate Studies at Case Western Reserve University.

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2006-2007

Action

The GSS serves as a voice for graduate student needs and concerns at CASE. Recently, GSS has been directly involved with the following:

- The effect of the University's new Code of Research Conduct on graduate students
- Improvements to graduate student health insurance costs and coverage
- Developing a cohesive bond between graduate and professional students
- Sponsoring graduate student social activities
- Charitable community services, including raising funds for those affected by Hurricane Katrina and collecting food for the Cleveland Food Bank
- Seeking reduced fare options for public transit
- Held forums with the University President regarding budget issues
- Organizing the Midwest National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) annual meeting in 2007
- Hosted a three part series on investments, retirement, and other pecuniary issues presented by a local financial agent and CASE alumnus.
- Supporting and defending the rights of graduate students on campus

Additionally, the GSS represents graduate students and their concerns through a number of committees at the GSS, Faculty Senate, and University level. The GSS also disseminates information to all graduate students through departmental senators.

Officers



Matthew Schiefer
President

Biomedical
Engineering

6th year



Tim Peshek
Vice President

Physics

6th year



Maggie Clark
Treasurer

Art History

4th year



Mike Rueschman
*Corresponding
Secretary*

Anthropology

3rd year



Jeremy Heilman
*Recording
Secretary*

Physics

6th year

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Committees

Graduate students sit on committees convened by the GSS, the Faculty Senate, and the University. A graduate student sitting on a committee does NOT have to be a GSS senator, but is encouraged to come to all GSS meetings to provide committee updates.

Committee	Reps	Meets	Purpose
GSS Level Committees			
Activities Committee	≥ 3	As Needed	Plan/Execute GSS-sponsored events
Organizations & Allocations Committee	≥ 3	As Needed	Review requests for GSS funding
Preparing Future Faculty/Professionals (PFF/PFP) Committee	≥ 3	As Needed	Plan/Execute Seminars
V-fund Committee	≥ 3	As Needed	Review requests for V-fund awards
Diekhoff Award Committee	≥ 6	As Needed	Solicit/Evaluate nominations and determine recipients of the Diekhoff Award for excellence in graduate student teaching and mentorship
Committee on Healthcare (Ad Hoc)	≥ 3	As Needed	Seek competitive bids on health insurance
Faculty Senate Level Committees			
Graduate Studies Committee	3	Monthly	Address issues related to graduate studies
Information Resources Committee	1	Monthly	Evaluate information resources infrastructure
Committee on University Libraries	1	Monthly	Evaluate all university libraries issues
Minority Affairs Committee	2	Monthly	Advise on and monitor matters concerning minority affairs
Committee on Research	3	Monthly	Evaluate university research policy
University Level Committees			
Thwing Student Center Advisory Committee	1	As Needed	Evaluate issues pertinent to the Thwing Center
UCI Parking & Security Committee	1	As Needed	Evaluate issues pertinent to the parking & security on campus
University Health Committee	1	As Needed	Evaluate issues pertinent to the university health service
College of Arts & Sciences Committee on Educational Programs	3	As Needed	Evaluate issues pertinent to the A&S programs

Free Money!!!

Through the V-Fund, the GSS awards \$100 for travel expenses associated with conference presentations and \$50 for expenses associated with thesis binding. The GSS also awards monies to recognized student groups. For more information, see gss.case.edu.

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