Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC)

The University of South Florida
Tampa, Florida
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- Location: Tampa, Florida
- Population
  - Graduate-Professional: approx. 10,000
  - Undergraduate: approx. 31,000
- Areas of Strength
  - Medical research (Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, and Huntington’s disease)
  - Marine Science
- Interesting Fact
  - USF is one of only three Florida public universities classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in the top tier of research universities; a distinction attained by only 2.2 percent of all universities.
The Graduate and Professional Student Council

- GPSC is representative of all graduate-professional students at the USF Tampa Campus.

- Funding Model/Budget
  - Comprehensive Graduate Student Fee ($35 one time fee)
    - $189,000 (2010-2011)
    - $1,800 (A&S funding)

- Purpose/Main Activities
  - Orientation, Advocacy, Professional Development, Community Service, Appreciation and Recognition
Organizational Structure Overview

(Spring 2011)

GPSC Executive Board

University Graduate Student Community

Graduate Student Organizations (GSOs)

Graduate Students (Departments)

Dr. Karen Liller
Dean, CFO
USF Graduate School

Dr. Richard Pollenz
Associate Dean, Faculty Advisor
USF Graduate School
The Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) fosters interaction between graduate and professional students through community service, social, and academic events. GPSC provides a voice for graduate and professional students through representation on university committees and advocating student interests to the administration.
2010-2011 Goals

- Cater to the ‘holistic’ graduate student
- Ensure that the graduate student voice is represented on UWCs.
- Help organize and support graduate student organizations
- Represent USF graduate student interest on key issues at the state level
Notable Accomplishments

- Conference Presentation Grant Program
- Awarded GPSC Financial and Merit based scholarships
- Organized the first GPSC Graduate Student Awards Banquet
- Met with university administrators and voiced graduate student concerns
- Helped establish a graduate student computer lab in the Graduate School, BEH 336
Graduate Student Resources

Graduate Student Lounges

#1 Location:
Marshall Student Center, MSC 3301

#2 Location:
Graduate School, ADM 209

Conference Grants

partnership with
Student Government
GPSC Events – Fall 2010

- Graduate Student Orientation
- Monthly General Assembly Meetings and Professional Development workshops
- Graduate Student Fall Social
- Graduate Assistant Appreciation Luncheon with the Deans
- Presidential Lunch and Learn
- Special Event: Jorge Cham

please RSVP to gpsc@grad.usf.edu
FREE & OPEN TO ALL USF STUDENTS
GPSC Events – Spring 2011

• Community Service: Humane Society and Sweetwater Farms

• Monthly General Assembly Meetings and Professional Development workshops

• Graduate Student Appreciation Week:
  • Welcome Breakfast
  • Wellness Day
  • Meeting and Workshop
  • Graduate Assistant Appreciation Luncheon with the Deans
  • Social at Peabody’s Billiards
  • Family Picnic and Tournament at Riverfront Park
Graduate Student Orientation

Information Table

Graduate Student Panel
Professional Development Workshops

Stress Management

University Resources

Loan Consolidation

Health & Wellness

Time Management

Research Funding

Career Planning

Professional Networking
Jorge Cham – “Piled Higher and Deeper”
Commitment to Academic Excellence

Emerging Paradigms Conference

Research One Graduate Symposium
Graduate Student Appreciation Week

Best Week Kick-off Event
3/29/10, MG Amphitheater, 2-4pm
Gather early to present and share School Time memories.

Botany Graduate Life and Careers
3/31/10, MSC 3711, 2-4pm
Workshop on Life in a Graduate Lab.

Social
4/1/10, Beef O'Brady's, 5-8pm
University Grill, first issue of GSA.

Graduate Student Awards Banquet
4/2/10, MSC 2708, 6-9pm
By invitation only.

Family Appreciation Day
4/3/10, Riverfront Park, 10am-2pm
Day for graduate students and their families: food, music, games.
Graduate Student Social
Peabody’s Billiards
Graduate Student Awards Banquet

Recognizing USF’s most outstanding graduate students
Family Appreciation Day
Community Service

Fall 2010
• ZooBoo (Lowry Park Zoo)
• Hillsborough River Clean-up

Spring 2011
• Bark in the Park (HSTB)
• Sweetwater Organic Farm
University Wide Committees

• Textbook Advisory Council
• Graduate Student Organization Advisory Committee
• Student Technology Advisory Council
• Technology Fee Review Committee
• Graduate Council
• Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee
• Vice President’s Circle of Student Advisors
• Academic Integrity Council
• Campus Dining Committee
• Student Concierge Committee
Graduate Student Organizations

- American Medical Student Graduate Organization
- American Institute of Architecture Students
- Anthropology Graduate Organization
- Architecture College Council
- Association of College Student Affairs
- Association of Medical Science Graduate Students
- Biology Graduate Student Organization
- Black Graduate and Professional Student Association
- Criminology Graduate Student Organization
- English Graduate Student Association
- Geology Graduate Student Organization
- Psychology Graduate Student Organization
- And many more!
And that’s not all...

**Brown Bag Speaker Series**
*September 9, 2010, 12-1pm, MSC 3711*

Sponsored by the Graduate and Professional Student Association, Co-sponsored by GPSC

**Dr. Luther Palmer**
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Luther Palmer received his B.S. degree in Applied Mathematics from Oakland University and his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alabama in Huntsville in 1999, his M.S. degree in 2002 and the Ph.D. in 2007 from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at The Ohio State University. During graduate school, Dr. Palmer was awarded the Ph.D. Teaching Fellowship and was nominated for the Graduate Associate Teaching Award. Dr. Palmer worked as an Intelligence Community Postdoctoral Fellow in the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department at Case Western Reserve University.

**Speaker Series**

**GPSC Week of Welcome**

AUGUST 23RD
Week of Welcome Breakfast
Graduate School Hallway 10am-12pm

SEPTEMBER 3RD
Fall Welcome Social
Peabody’s Billiards 6-9pm

Week of Welcome