

# The Graduate Voice

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## Note of Welcome and Some Major Changes

Dear Graduate Students,

On behalf of the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC), we would like to welcome you to the University of South Florida and inform you that new changes will take place for Graduate Students effective this Fall 2013. In support of USF's Strategic Plan 2013-2018, key USF leaders have decided to rename the previously known Graduate School to the Office of Graduate Studies in an effort to reshape many of USF's Graduate programs for betterment in the years to come. Dr. Dwayne Smith, the Office of Graduate Studies' Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs & Dean and Dr. Peter Harries, the Assistant Dean will preside over the Office of Graduate Studies commencing this Fall 2013 until further notice.

The Office of Graduate Studies has ensured us that Graduate students still have a place to come to when in need for all of their Graduate concerns. They would also like to reiterate that the core of graduate studies will remain the same such as the Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Resource Center (ETD), Graduate Orientation, Graduation, and Grievances among other essential aspects of graduate studies. They have an open door policy and would like to emphasize the continuation of this policy regardless of the graduate school name change.

We wish you all a wonderful and prosperous semester and years of graduate studies here at USF.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Office of Graduate Studies at 813-974-2846 or email at [gpsc@grad.usf.edu](mailto:gpsc@grad.usf.edu)

Sincerely,  
Vishwani Persaud-Sharma  
President, GPSC

## Meet the GPSC Executive Committee Board 2013-2014

President: Vishwani Persaud-Sharma ("Vi")  
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Secretary: Tia Claridge ("Tia")  
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## GPSC Events for Fall 2013:

### Graduate Writing Workshop Series

"Never Abandon Writing – Fundamentals" Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
3:00 - 4:30 pm in ALN 296

"The Academic Village: How to Utilize Campus Resources to Improve Your Writing During Graduate School" Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013  
3:00 - 4:30 pm in ALN 296

### Scholars of Excellence Program

Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> in MSC Ballroom A & B

### The Tampa Heart Walk through the American Heart Association

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 a.m. at Raymond James Stadium

### Graduate End of the Semester Social

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> (Time and location TBA)

### Grad Night Out: Bowling

(Time and location TBA)

### The Great American Teach-In

November 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> McDonald Elementary. (Specific day TBA)

## Monthly Meetings:

Monthly meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month for the Fall 2013 semester in MSC 3711 from 4pm to 5 pm.

Specific dates are as follows:

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013  
November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013