

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Aloha!

I hope this semester finds you well and if it doesn't, then please reach out for help. Self care is important.

Secondly, I would like to thank the department representatives for all their hard work. They review applications, volunteer their time, sometimes staying until 10pm approving applications. Please say thank you to your department representatives.

Lastly, I ask you to pay attention to this Legislative session. There are bills concerning minimum wage in both the House and the Senate. There is also a Senate Bill SB 1368 concerning graduate student collective bargaining. Whether you are for or against these bills I suggest you contact your representative and hold them accountable. For example, if your senator or house representative ran a campaign this election promising \$17 an hour minimum wage, that is already being walked back to \$15 an hour by 2021. I will never forget the words that Senator Dela Cruz told me: "Students don't get involved enough." Okay then let's get involved.

Keep working! We're doing great work here at UH. We are building the graduate community that Jonathan started under his administration. Let's move forward and see where we're at next month.

- Daniel Flores, GSO President

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# **NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Congrats to our new Executive Committee Chairs who were approved by the general assembly last month!



Maria Houar
Diversity Committee
Chair



Maya Ward
Elections Committee
Chair

# **UPDATES FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

#### SUSTAINABILITY

Save the date for Earth Day!

Coming up on April 23rd at

Campus Center from 10am-2pm

### **GRANTS & AWARDS**

G&A has a new email address.

Please direct your G&A

questions to Kasia at
gsogachr@hawaii.edu

#### MERIT BASED AWARDS

The deadline for the Merit Based Awards applications is today, March 1st, 2019 at 11:59pm!

The MBA Chair has a new email address. Please direct your MBA questions to Emilee at gsomerit@hawaii.edu





# **MARCH EVENTS**

## 14th Annual Human Rights Day

March 1st 12:00pm-4:00pm at the Hawai'i State Capitol Auditorium

### Call Her Ganda Film Screening and Panel

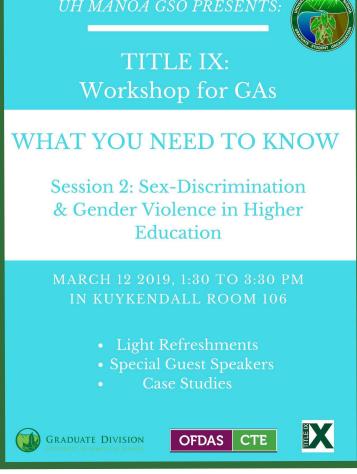
March 8th @ 5:00pm in the Art Auditorium Free and open to the public, light refreshments will be served!

**GSO Coffee Hour with Board Games!** 

Tuesday March 12th @ 11:30am in QLC 412











# **MARCH EVENTS (CONT.)**

**Title IX Training Series Session 2:** 

"Sex Discrimination & Gender-Based Violence in Higher Education" - Graduate Assistant Workshop

Tuesday March 12th @ 1:30-3:30pm in Kuykendall 106

If you're unsure of your position as a mandatory reporter or would like to know more about the unique position of GAs at the University, please join us for a interactive workshop around Title IX protections and responsibilities for graduate workers.

## **DEADLINES & MEETING DATES**

**Executive Council Meeting** 

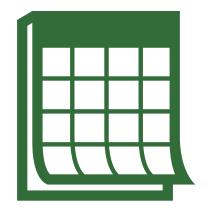
March 4th at 6:00pm in HEM212

Letters of Recommendation due for G&A Applicants

March 7th

**General Assembly Meeting** 

March 14th at 6:00pm in CC Executive Dining Room



\*Please send any events you'd like published in our Newsletter to the GSO

Secretary (gsosec@hawaii.edu)



## **OPEN GSO POSITIONS**

The positions below are currently held by graduate students who will be transitioning out of their roles at the end of the semester. GSO is looking for applicants interested in shadowing current chairs for one month (during which the stipend would be split between the two cochairs), before replacing them once the semester is over. If you would like to apply for one of these positions, please email a resume or CV and cover letter to GSO@hawaii.edu.

## Information & Communications Chair - Stipend: \$180

The Information and Communications Chair (I&C) is tasked with maintaining GSO social media and other communications. This may include, but is not limited to: managing GSO social media accounts and website, taking pictures at GSO and other campus events, and coordinating relationships with media outlets.

### Academic Affairs Chair - Stipend: \$160

or developing programs, and eliciting

feedback from the General Assembly on

academic concerns within their departments

awareness of department and system-level academic concerns for graduate students, investigating academic concerns, and working to address them at the appropriate level. This includes, but is not limited to: serving as the GSO representative on various committees (Graduate Council, Student Conduct Appellate Board, Academic Grievance Committee), forming committees as necessary to deal with academic concerns

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Please note!

All positions require attendance at monthly executive council and general assembly meetings!



# **OPEN GSO POSITIONS (CONT.)**

### Parliamentarian - Stipend: \$160

The Parliamentarian will advise the GSO on all matters as related to proper procedure and decorum. They shall make every effort to possess expert knowledge of the GSO constitution and bylaws. Duties include, but are not limited to reviewing the constitution and bylaws annually and/or as needed to ensure that the constitution and bylaws accurately reflect the needs of the organization, students, and community, advising the GSO when there is ambiguity in the constitution and bylaws and serving as the adjudication committee chair when necessary

### **Employment & Compensation Chair - Stipend: \$160**

The Chair of the Employment and Compensation Committee is directly involved in representing graduate students in issues pertaining to employment and compensation including but not limited to advocating for job safety and increased pay/stipends for graduate, research, and teaching assistantships, gathering and analyzing data related to GA compensation, and assessing cost of living and other issues related to graduate student economic well-being.

## **Events Chair - Stipend: \$160**

The Events Chair is tasked with organizing social events for the graduate student body. This may include, but is not limited to organizing a monthly coffee hour and at least 2 other events per semester, and working with other chairs and organizations to plan and advertise events.

Please feel free to send any questions related to open GSO EC positions to gso@hawaii.edu!



