MESSAGE FROM THE GSO
PRESIDENT

Season's Greeting fellow Grads!

Fall semester is almost done! Here are some things you should be aware of.

1) Three colleges are talking about merging: College of Arts and Humanities; College of Languages, Linguistics, & Literature; and School of Pacific and Asian Studies.

2) Administration is looking for a new Dean of the Institute for Astronomy.

3) The redesign teams continue to move forward to transition from a Chancellor model to a Provost model.

GSO has representatives working in all three areas. Please let us know if you want more information at gso@hawaii.edu! Also, in the Spring Semester we hope to reorganize the color groups used for our Grants & Awards Program, as well as have more graduate student community-building events.

Thank you to all the reps for all your hard work! Thank you to the chairs and the other officers with whom I serve! Let us finish the semester strong!

In Service, Advocacy, and Support,

Daniel Flores
2021 Knauss Fellowship: Are you a graduate student with an interest in ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources, and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources? If so, consider applying for the Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, a one year paid fellowship where highly qualified graduate students are matched with hosts in the legislative and executive branches of the U.S. government. Knauss fellows receive a $47,500 stipend for the length of their fellowship (12 months).

Friday Feb. 21, 2020 5pm: applications due

For more information please visit http://seagrant.noaa.gov/Knauss or contact Hawai‘i Sea Grant Program Leader, Maya Walton (waltonm@hawaii.edu, 808-956-6992).

Therapy Dogs!

Friday 12/13, 12 PM to 1:30 PM

Hemenway Hall Courtyard

January GSO Deadlines and Meetings:

1/2: Grants & Awards Application Due
1/9: Letter of Recommendation Due
1/13: Executive Council Meeting, 6 PM at Hemenway Hall 212
1/16: General Assembly Meeting, 6 PM at Campus Center 309/310
Aloha mai kākou, my name is Alana Wilson and I am the new Events Chair. I am a Kanaka Ōiwi (Native Hawaiian) studying Native Hawaiian and Indigenous Health (Master of Public Health). I believe in the power of diversity, inclusion and equity; which I would like to further implement by creating events on campus that are correlated to these topics of interest and more. I look forward to further serving the graduate community. Mahalo for your support.

Aloha mai kākou, I am Rajeev Kumar Mishra, basically from Nepal. I am a DVM from India and pursuing my master’s in Animal Science at UHM. As the secretary of GSO I am always eager to help you with all questions about GSO and its events. Please feel free to contact me for any issue related to GSO and its functioning.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER
GRANTS & AWARDS RECIPIENTS!

Emily Ricker
Eriko Oga
Phoebe France
Julia Douglas
Lauren Nerfa
Megan Lantz
Jin Dong
Rebecca deGraffenried
Nicole Schlaack
Shekh Md Mahmudul Islam
Jinwen Xu
Minyoung Chung
Katherine Lang
Lance Ferrer
Solange Saxby
Kevin Rickman
Kalyn Holmes
Christine Tai
Monet Meyer
Taylor Stacy
Tommie Laba
Olivia Uchima
Sarah Kamakawiwo'ole
Kristen Urada
Bethany Schwartz
Keqing Zhang
Yusraa Tadj
Van Wishingrad
Randi Rollins

American Studies
American Studies
Anthropology
Botany
Botany
Cell and Molecular Biology
East Asian Languages and Literatures
Earth & Planetary Science
Educational Psychology
Electrical Engineering
Geography
Library and Information Science
Library and Information Science
Mathematics
Nutrition
Philosophy
Psychology
Psychology
Psychology
Psychology
Psychology
Public Health
Public Health
Second Language Studies
Second Language Studies
Sociology
Urban and Regional Planning
Zoology
Zoology
GET INVOLVED!

Do you want to promote an event for graduate students? Share a scholarship opportunity? Submit a poem about your research (see below)? Contact the GSO Information & Communications Chair at gsoinfo@hawaii.edu

CREATIVE WRITING CORNER

Dissertation Topic 'Haiku' - share your dissertation or thesis research in the classic 5-7-5 format!

My first period
Becoming a woman now
Eat some sekihan

- Maura Stephens-Chu, Anthropology
WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM) is the elected body representing approximately 4,742 full-time classified graduate students; and,

WHEREAS, the Associate Student of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, with support from the University of Hawai‘i Office of Sustainability (UHOS) and Native Hawaiian Student Services (NHSS), surveyed 1654 students and found 73% were in favor of establishing a student fee for a sustainability fund; and,

WHEREAS, the sustainability fund can aid the university in achieving targets laid out in the Executive Sustainability Policy (2015) pertaining to operations, curriculum, research and scholarship, community engagement, and cultural connections and its legislative mandate to become net-zero, in respect to energy, by 2035; and,

WHEREAS, 15 of 18 of UH’s peer and benchmark schools already have student fees for sustainability, but UH would be the first indigenous serving institution to steward such a fee; and,

WHEREAS, UHM has a goal of being a Hawaiian Place of Learning; and,

WHEREAS, the fund monies will provide grants to UHM constituents to carry out works of sustainability related to the aforementioned goals; and, WHEREAS, the below outlines tentative plans based on the progression of the fund’s implementation as well as other varying factors (e.g. input from the fee committee, BOR, NHSS, etc.); and,

WHEREAS, a student committee will select works that include projects, programs, research, and scholarships to receive fund monies; and,

WHEREAS, the student committee will be within NHSS to ensure that works are, indeed, aligned with aloha ‘āina, which goes beyond “green” initiatives to encompass a race, class, and gender maoli origin of sustainability; and,

WHEREAS, the student committee would comprise of five (5) students: one (1) appointed by ASUH, one (1) appointed by GSO, one (1) appointed by the Office of Sustainability, one (1) appointed by NHSS, and one (1) appointed by the dean of Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge; and,

WHEREAS, all members of the student committee will serve for one (1) academic year, with the opportunity to be reappointed at the end of the term; and,

WHEREAS, the fund monies will only be allocated to faculty-led initiatives that directly benefit students in the form of student focused campus improvement, student activities, or student employment; and,

WHEREAS, the administration of the fund provides sufficient resources and coordination to ensure that students are thoroughly aware of their opportunity to apply for fund monies; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa is the elected body representing approximately 4,742 full-time classified graduate students; supports the establishment of a sustainability student fee and fund at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

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