Mai Nguyen  
Candidate for GSG President

I am a fourth year grad student in psychology, and I am excited to be running for GSG president! For the past year, I have served as the GSG Facilities Officer, focusing on three major issues: housing and transportation, family support initiatives, and sexual misconduct. On housing and transportation, I have been working with the housing office to implement housing priority for graduate students with children, develop a new ticketing system to improve communication, and create an annual housing satisfaction survey. We are also reviewing and revising housing draw policies, as well as consulting on the development of new graduate residences in the proposed Lake Campus. I have also established a student transportation advisory board which meets regularly to discuss graduate student transportation needs and problems. On family support initiatives, I worked with the Office of Campus Life and the Graduate Student to implement policies that support graduate students with children. This work has resulted in housing priority for grad student families, a Graduate School Priorities Committee proposal under review to expand SCAAP funding, and a proposal to the SHP Advisory Council to fully cover the cost of labor and delivery costs. On sexual misconduct policy, I worked with graduate students in developing policy proposals for addressing sexual misconduct in faculty-graduate student interactions. These were approved by the GS Assembly before being sent to the Faculty-Student Committee on Sexual Misconduct.

As GSG President, my goal is to both continue with these efforts and introduce new projects. I will continue to work with the housing office to review and possibly revise the housing priority system, introduce gender neutral housing, and consult on development of new housing. I will also continue to follow up on our family support initiatives and sexual misconduct proposals. For new initiatives, I would like to introduce a new working group to specifically address graduate student mental health. I envision this group conducting a comprehensive survey on the state of mental health among graduate students, working to destigmatize mental illness, raising awareness of the many campus mental health resources, and then finally advocating for new resources or programming to support and promote mental wellness. I would also like to make better use of the space we have been allocated in Green Hall to be a Graduate Student Center.

Thank you for reading, and I hope I have your vote!