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PURPOSE:

The mission of the Graduate and Professional Concerns Committee (GPCC) is two-fold:

1. Provide support to the graduate and professional financial aid community to assist them in serving students; and
2. Build and strengthen the network of graduate and professional financial aid administrators in Massachusetts.

2013-2014 OBJECTIVES:

1. Make the GPCC a vital part of the professional life of members that serve graduate and professional students.

- Update the GPCC section of the MASFAA website to provide valuable resources and reference tools for graduate and professional aid administrators
- Write articles for the MASFAA newsletter concerning graduate and professional aid issues

- Compile a comprehensive list of financial literacy resources targeting graduate and professional students.

2. Provide professional development and training opportunities that meet the needs of our graduate and professional aid officers.

- Develop and deliver a one-day information session/symposium related to graduate and professional concerns
- Organize and present at least one session related to graduate and professional concerns at the MASFAA annual conference
- Explore spring training or networking opportunities

3. Promote networking opportunities for graduate and professional aid administrators

- Encourage networking during the MASFAA annual conference and the GPCC symposium

2013-2014 MASFAA GOALS:

- Advance the Art and Science of our Profession
 - with students, families, on and off-campus colleagues, faculty and administration, elected and governmental officials
- Increase engagement of members
- Continued commitment to high quality, cost effective training and professional development
- Implement the Association's Strategic Goals for 2012 - 2015

MONTHLY REPORT: JUNE 2014



MONTHLY REPORT: MAY 2014



MONTHLY REPORT: APRIL 2014



MONTHLY REPORT: MARCH 2014

- ◆ Committee has meeting scheduled for March 12 to review symposium evaluations, status of related expenses, and any other new business.

MONTHLY REPORT: FEBRUARY 2014

- ◆ The annual GPCC Symposium “Financial Aid for Today’s Graduate Student” was held on February 7 at Harvard Graduate School of Education. The event was well received, by attendees as well as presenters.
- ◆ Registration totaled 77 and 65 attended – excluding presenters, from the following schools and organizations, including RI, & ME.

American Student Assistance
Babson College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston College Law School
Boston University
Boston University Medical Campus
Boston University School of Law
Boston University School of Social Work
Boston University/MET
Boston University/Sargent College
Brandeis University
Discover Student Loans
Endicott College
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
Harvard Extension School
Harvard Graduate School of Education
Harvard Law School
Harvard Medical School
Harvard School of Public Health
Harvard University
Harvard University Division of Continuing Education
Harvard University-JFK School of Government
Hebrew College
Higher Education Assistance Group
Hult International Business School
Lasell College
Lesley University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
MCPHS University
MEFA
Merrimack College
MGH Institute of Health Professions
MIT Sloan School of Management
Northeastern University
Rhode Island School of Design
Salem State University
Sallie Mae
Suffolk University Law School
Tufts University
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

UMass Medical School
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University of New England
Westfield State University

- ◆ From a preliminary review, the evaluations were very positive.
- ◆ Copies of the presentations will be added to the committee webpage.
- ◆ The committee will be meeting in March to go over evaluation feedback and review how the symposium went as a whole.

MONTHLY REPORT: JANUARY 2014

- ◆ Committee met on December 18
- ◆ Most presenters have been confirmed for Symposium
- ◆ Current agenda is as follows:

8:30 *Registration*
9:00 *Welcome from MASFAA President*
9:15 *Keynote Speaker - Steve Hughes, President of Hit Your Stride, LLC*
10:05 *Break*
10:20 *Fundamentals of Working with Online and International Students*
11:30 *Education Tax Benefits*
12:00 *Lunch*
1:15 *COA/Budget Appeals*
2:00 *Federal Update*
2:30 *Afternoon Break*
2:45 *Kevin Fudge, ASA*
3:30: *Closing remarks*

- ◆ Next meeting scheduled for January 8 to continue to review task list associated with Symposium

MONTHLY REPORT: DECEMBER 2013

- ◆ Committee met on November 20 to continue with GPCC Symposium planning
- ◆ Welcomed new committee member – Jennifer Roberts

MONTHLY REPORT: NOVEMBER 2013

- ◆ Committee met on October 23 to review MASFAA Conference session details and continue with GPCC Symposium planning.
- ◆ GPCC Symposium date and location have been finalized: February 7 at Harvard University GSE, Gutman Conference Center
- ◆ Symposium theme is “Financial Aid for Today’s Graduate Student.” Event will consist of a number of sessions that correlate with theme. Committee is working on identifying and confirming speakers relating to the following – Online Students, International Students, Cost of Attendance and Budget Appeals, Tax Benefits, and Federal Update.

- ◆ Welcomed new committee member in attendance – Emir Morais from Boston University Medical Campus
- ◆ The next meeting is scheduled for November 20

MONTHLY REPORT: OCTOBER 2013

- ◆ Committee met on 9/25 at BU
- ◆ Welcomed two new committee members in attendance – Maria Morelli from Northeastern and Rory Placa from Harvard Law
- ◆ Reviewed sessions committee is sponsoring at this year’s MASFAA Conference
 - Borrowing Wisely to be presented by Lori Moore (Heather Ward will moderate)
 - Show Me the Money: Best Practices in Advising Students on Federal & Credit-based Loans to be presented by Rosemary Hilliard and Dave Kelly (Diana Beaudoin will moderate)
- ◆ Brainstormed potential theme/sessions for the GPCC Symposium in February
 - Possible theme – A Graduate Education in a Modern World
 - Session ideas include –Gov’t Relations/Fed Update, online students, international students, DOMA, budget adjustments, education tax benefits, shopping sheet
- ◆ Date/Location – Working date is February 7. Val Harris is looking into whether Symposium may be held at Harvard Graduate School of Education again.
- ◆ Next committee meeting is scheduled for October 23

MONTHLY REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2013

- ◆ Committee’s first meeting is scheduled for September 25. We will be discussing sessions sponsored by GPCC for the annual MASFAA Conference, as well as theme/topics and location for GPCC Symposium to be held February 2014.

MONTHLY REPORT: AUGUST 2013

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