

This is a unique opportunity for a student to learn about the workings of the University and to contribute to its governance. It is our goal to have one student from each of the graduate programs represented on the GSAC.

The Graduate Student Advisory Committee, a standing committee of the Faculty Senate's Graduate Studies Council, serves as a liaison between graduate students and Western Michigan University. Although the primary functions of the Committee are to increase graduate student participation in the University community and to ensure that graduate students' needs and concerns are being represented, the GSAC also facilitates policy reform and establishes, promotes, and allocates financial resources for programs and services that enrich the academic, cultural, social, and professional experiences of the graduate student community.

Over the last several years, the GSAC has strengthened its commitment to serve as a voice for the graduate student community through the realization of many GSAC goals. These goals include:

- Diversifying University representation on the Committee,
- Renewing relationships with the undergraduate community,
- Assisting in the development of graduate student organizations within departments,
- Sponsoring Professional Development Day,
- Participating in CommUniverCity,
- Getting involved with the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS),
- Advocating for graduate students as members of various University Councils and committees, and
- Working to highlight graduate research through the creation of a graduate research symposium and journal.

We are seeking dedicated graduate students who possess the desire to involve themselves further in the academic experiences available to them at Western Michigan University. In addition, students who are willing to participate on a variety of GSAC and University councils and committees which address the specific needs and concerns of the graduate student community are more than welcome. The student decides how much involvement is desired with GSAC.

If you're interested in serving on GSAC as your department's representative during this academic year 2007-2008, provide us with your name, address, e-mail, and phone number as soon as possible.

The GSAC meetings generally occur the second Friday of the Month from 3 to 5 p.m. The next two GSAC meetings of the 2007-2008 academic year will take place on August 10, 2007, and September 14, 2007, at 3 p.m. in the MLK Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Bernhard Center). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the GSAC Chairperson at the Graduate College via e-mail ([gsac@wmich.edu](mailto:gsac@wmich.edu)) or phone (269) 387-8207.