

GSS Newsletter

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A BRIEF UPDATE



We started the semester and the academic year with three fun and well-attended Kick-Off & Welcome events geared toward On-Campus Life, Off-Campus Life, and Health & Wellness. Sincere thanks are due to co-sponsors from the MUB, the Hamel Rec Center, and the Graduate School, not to mention the offices and departments that sent materials and personnel to share information and resources. We couldn't have pulled it off without the help and hard work of more individuals than we have room here to list. *Thanks!*

Just over one month into the semester, and we've already hosted multiple events on- and off-campus, met three times as a deliberative body, attended and reported back from internal and external committee meetings, and planned fundraising efforts for Puerto Rico. We're just getting started!

We're also in the midst of reviewing various university policy drafts from administration & faculty committees. These policies address: *social media* and the way both individual & group behavior reflect back on UNH, for better or worse; goals of *mutual respect* and understanding, which are easier to state than to practice, but which are a necessity in a vigorous academic environment such as ours; and a proposed *smoking ban* modeled on other campuses' successful efforts to improve overall health & wellness of students, staff, faculty, & visitors.

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LOOKING AHEAD



Puerto Rico Fundraisers

This month, we used our regularly-scheduled First Thursday event at Thirsty Moose (Dover) to embark a series of fundraising efforts to support Puerto Rico's recovery. We'll also be collecting donations during [Ocean Discovery Day](#) (click link for event details). Look for GSS and please give what you can. You can also [donate online HERE](#).

Graduate Space Discussions

While there are no concrete plans (pardon the pun), high-level talks for the design and construction of space dedicated to graduate students are ongoing. We'll be sure to update you as more information comes our way.

GSS President's Office Hours

Did you miss our [general sessions](#) but have in issue you'd like to bring to our attention? GSS President Jovana Milosavljevic-Ardeljan will be available First Fridays each month of the semester, from 1-2pm, in the GSS Office at MUB 119. You can also contact your Senator; follow [this link](#) to find out who's who and how to reach them. We're here to help!