

The Mānoa Graduate

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President Lassner has reached out to GSO to start negotiations regarding Graduate Assistants' compensation and better working conditions.

The GSO presented them with a cost of living analysis put together by the UH Policy Center – the cost of living not including tuition is roughly \$32,000 a year (Financial aid claims it's \$15,000). We will push for at least a 23,000 or 25,000 pay raise.

We will meet again on October to keep negotiations.



Photo: A few of our GSO members in the meeting with President Lassner and his staff.

Source: Camila Ortega Ramirez, Newsletter GSO chair.

Did you know...?

The State Central Committee (SCC) meeting of the Hawaii Democratic Party voted in support of a resolution introduced by the Democratic Party Vice Chair to support UH graduate student unionization.

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Employment and compensation – Registered Independent Organization

The GSO is forming a Registered Independent Organization (RIO) at UH dedicated to organizing lecturers and push for better working conditions.

Our first meeting will be on September 23, at 2:30 PM at Hemenway Hall 212. At this meeting we will be discussing the mission of our RIO and forming a leadership team.

If you are a lecturer or are concerned with working conditions at UH, please consider attending, as well as if you know anyone who might be interested.

If you have any questions, please contact GSO At-large Rep Nick Chagnon (chagnon@hwaii.edu). If you plan on attending, please RSVP to the same email.

Sustainability

The BOR has decided to stop investing funds in fossil fuels and we are working on getting UH Foundation to also divest. Thumbs up to Leilei Joy Shih, one of ours At-large Representative for her hard work on this subject! In-coming a food waste compost program...

Events

OUR GSO WELCOMES YOU TO OUR FIRST MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR!

When:

Wednesday, September 16, 11 AM

Where:

Sinclair library lanai



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Featuring G&A awardees

Be Aware that
some of the
color group
changed.

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information
download:

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Eunseok Ro

Aloha!! I'm a 3rd year PhD student from the Department of Second Language Studies. I would like to thank the GSO grants and awards for covering my partial flight fees to Toronto where I presented my two studies, "Exploring teachers' practices and students' perceptions of extensive reading approach in EAP reading classes: A mixed method study" and "Extensive reading approach in an EAP context: A case study" at AAAL and TESOL Convention conferences. These conferences have been a good foundation for my future PhD dissertation. This is because I learned not only many new methodological ways to operationalize and conceptualize second language (L2) motivation and teacher belief as a psychological state, but also I gained many new pedagogical ideas in teaching foreign/second language. As I'm planning to focus my dissertation research on investigating how L2 book club interaction with particularly extensive reading activities is organized, many new methods and pedagogical ideas I gained from attending and sharing studies in the conferences will be assets to me. In addition, I was also able to attend several panels and meet a number of scholars in the field of conversation analysis and extensive reading. I believe many of these connects will undoubtedly help to shape my future career. I would not have been able to have this wonderful experience without the help from the GSO. Thank you so much!!

G&A awardees: Congratulations to the awardees!

Name	Department
Sangki Kim	Second Language Studies
Kaho Hoshino Tisthammer	Marine Biology
Eunseok Ro	Second Language Studies
Yanxia Li	Astronomy
Richard Mizusawa	Education
Asami Nago	Anthropology
Kirill Andreevich Vinnikov	Marine Biology
Kyoung Won Oh	East Asian Languages and Literature
Joshua Stoll	Philosophy
Brian Deis	Marine Biology
Mei Xu	History
Sherilyn Wee	Economics
Joy Mejilla Lacanienta	Sociology

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