

Dec 17th 2012 GAAC Meeting

- Visibility of the group: through email, website development
- Todd from AFT can join in next meetings, preferably in second town-hall gathering
- Dan will sent out Q & A to everybody

- Town-hall meeting schedule:

#1: Informational- 1st week of Feb

#2: Union reps – 3rd week of Feb

- Within the next two meetings (preferably before first town hall meeting) we should make a decision about the union we should be voting on. After town-hall meetings and based upon exit polls/opinions, M & C group can decide about union representation.
- Unionization should not affect shared governance relationship
- M & C group can decide on how we are associated with the GSA. Will we remain a committee of the GSA or do we want to want to be separate.

About the autonomy of union representation, if we elect: Union rep will not be bargaining on behalf of graduate assistants but will be an advisor to us during meetings with administration. It should be noted that no separate conversation with administration will be possible for the union representative.

- GAAC group can bring important issues related to graduate assistants benefits (time-off, health insurance, tuition remission) and can bargain with different departments
- Future questions/concerns about M&C should be addressed to GAAC not GSA (Janes)

Next Meeting agenda:

- Moving towards choosing union
- How to reach-out to GAs
- Arranging town-hall meetings
- Website for M & C group