



Committee/Task Force/Liaison Report

Date: February 7, 2006

- Committee/Task Force:**
- Annual Conference Program Committee
 - Awards and Recognition
 - Graduate Issues and Involvement
 - Membership Services
 - Placement
 - SEAHO Report Editorial Board or Editors
 - Webmaster
 - Associates
 - Educational Programs
 - Human Relations
 - Nominations & Elections Committee
 - Research and Information
 - SPE
 - Other:

Chairperson: *Michell Jaworski, Winthrop University; Ray Plaza, Virginia Tech*

Committee Members (including institutions and states):

WillaMarie Curry	Valdosta State University	Georgia
Jeff Brown	Clemson University	South Carolina
Ray Plaza	Virginia Tech University	Virginia
Stacy Hammond	Eastern Kentucky University	Kentucky
Andrea K. Yohn	University of South Alabama	Alabama
Brooke Bell	Jacksonville State University	Florida
Julie A. Leos	Florida International University	Florida
Matthew W. Scruggs	Virginia Tech University	Virginia
Vera Jackson	Jackson State University	Mississippi
Lauren Bledsoe	Florida Atlantic University	Florida
Angela Ward	UT Knoxville	Tennessee

Committee Purpose:

The purpose of the Graduate Issues and Involvement Committee is to strive to offer the best in year-round service to the graduate students who are working in the field of housing & residence life within the SEAHO region and to develop connections and partnerships for those graduate students to further their professional growth and development.

Annual Goals and Objectives:

- * Graduate Student Luncheon
- * Pro-Am Tour
- * Graduate Student Case Study Recruitment
- * Graduate Student Welcome Packet
- * Graduate Student Table at Conference
- * Ongoing Awards and Recognition
- * Involvement Fair Participation
- * Assist with PPP Track

Progress since Last Report:

Our electronic survey was successful and we were able to gather some helpful data to assist us in planning for the Committee. We plan to use this information as the basis for the committee meeting and recruitment efforts for SEAHO 2006.

We are working on finalizing plans for the upcoming conference; however, we have not had any of our committee members volunteer to assist with anything. We will continue to solicit them for their assistance as best as we can. We will need to reflect at the conference about what we need to do to get more involvement.

Graduate Student Luncheon: *Due to the changes in the conference schedule, the Graduate Student Luncheon will be more of a reception. With the conference providing brunch on the first day, there is no need to have a full blown lunch. We have decided to have a simple reception featuring finger foods. This will help save some money. We hope that we can still get the excitement and interest among the Graduate students.*

SEAHO ADVANCE: *We had two schools express interest (University of South Carolina and University of Central Florida). Based on the items submitted, it was determined that the South Carolina would be the host. Mr. Sean McGreevey, the Assistant Director for Residence Life, will serve as the primary host site coordinator.*

We hope that with the earlier selection of a host site that this will help SEAHO schools to better plan and prepare for the gathering. The recommended dates are July 14 -16, 2006.

GRADUATE STUDENT OF THE YEAR: *We did receive a number of nominations from Tim. Because Ray submitted a nomination, Michell coordinated the selection of the winner.*

Problems:

It seems that this committee struggles in the “off season” for participation from the membership. A majority of the work for the committee is done in preparation for and during the conference. There seems to be a constant struggle to get ideas and new things going outside of the conference. This is something the committee leadership will continue to work on improving.

As noted earlier, we will need to reflect at the Committee meeting at SEAHO and develop some new strategies.

Next Steps:

- * Complete preparations for this February SEAHO 2006 Conference*
 - *Graduate Student Reception*
 - *Welcome Packets*
 - *Pro-Am Tour*
 - *Graduate Student of the Year Selection*

Need for Action or Feedback from Governing Council:

Nothing at this point. We plan to include in the April 1st report a more definitive timetable for committee activities and plans for a comprehensive effort to reach out to the SEAHO grads in August/Sept.

Committee/Task Force/Liaison Reports are due to the Member-at-Large
No later than April 1, October 1, and February 1.