
**Vice Chair for Social Activities
January 2009 Report**

Fall 2008 Summary

In the spirit of achieving this year's goals for reaching diversity and demographics of graduate and professional students from all twelve schools, the social committee organized a number of events to promote integration and interaction. With eight core members and a deputy, the social activities vice chair planned and executed 18 events during the fall semester. GAPSAs tradition thus far has been maintained with annual large-scale events including Strikes Kickoff Happy Hour, Moshulu Meet and Greet, Halloween Party, and Private Dock Street Happy Hour and school happy hours so far at the Law School and SP2. A new tradition (hopefully) was created – GAPSAs Fall Ball planned in black and white theme. Bar happy hours were held at National Mechanics, Barrister's, Distrito, Cavanaugh's Rittenhouse, Slainte, and Tinto, most of which are more recently established restaurants in the Philly area. New and interactive (including non-alcoholic) events included tickets to the Philly Live Arts Festival and drinks at the after party, tickets to the Phillies game where they clinched the NL East title, and a bus trip to Atlantic City. To enjoy some of Philly's luxury dining and wining (and hopefully educating our student population about fine dining and wining), the committee organized a wine paired dinner at Lacroix and wine tasting at Supper.

Budget Update

The total budget allocated this year is \$81,000. The committee has thus far expended a total of \$54,734 and brought in an income of approximately \$10,850. Having spent a total of \$43,884, the committee is left with 37,116 to spend for the spring semester. A down payment of \$5,590 has been made for the Annual Spirit of Philadelphia boat cruise (a total that will come out of the remainder of budget allocated for spring). With the price of the boat cruise increasing this year, the committee plans to either increase the ticket price or ask the general assembly for some extra funds to compensate for the increase.

Spring 2009 Plans

The committee plans on organizing many more events both on large scales (300+) and those that are smaller and more intimate (60-299). Back by popular demand, we will have happy hours at Tinto and Distrito again as well as a second wine paired dinner event at Lacroix. Wine tasting was popular this fall so we will have another one at Pinot at the end of January. We have special events planned for holidays and traditions such as Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and March Madness. We will plan happy hours at as many of the 10 remaining schools as possible. We will start a new tradition of sports happy hour at the Philadelphia Wings game with unlimited food and drinks before the game and continue the tradition started last year of having a sports happy hour at Citizens Bank Park with the 2008 World Series champs, the Phillies.

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