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Updates from the University

• Student Health Care
  • Info out about health care costs and coverage by March.
  • Committed to continuing *platinum level coverage* for graduate students (better than employee coverage).

• VU Parking Passes
  • We got monthly billing!

• Feb. Board of Trust Meeting was about Graduate Students!

• Graduate Student Housing is happening!!
Ongoing Cases and Projects

• Union conversation
  • GSC plans to distribute unbiased, factual information about the pros and cons of unionization
  • GSC hopes to host open forums where experts in the field can present pro and anti-union views

• Mental health
  • Teamed up with Peabody
  • Presented data from Graduate Student Perspectives Survey with Chancellor’s Committee

• Holistic alternatives to GRE scores – GDI Committee
Ongoing Cases and Projects

• Ombudsman Proposal
  • Mostly complete!!! Polishing this up now.

• Endowment Funds Proposals – See website
  • Finished!!
  • After submission Dean Wallace wants to meet with students and discuss how proposals are impacting VU

• Survey Analysis
  • Finished: PCC data, student health data, stipends, travel/housing, international student info, Diversity, Policy and Communication
  • Ongoing: Professionalization, campus safety
Student Health Insurance

- Planning for April: Student Health Insurance Workshop
- Stay tuned for more info!

- Fun Facts for now:
  - Goal: if premiums must rise, limit rise to 5%
  - You can now pay in installments if you have dependents
  - Insurance company actually loses money off grad students
Open Forum

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