Introduction: Review of GPSA Forum and President’s Advisory Committee meeting. Updates to be provided from each representative and members via email.

Review of Survey Findings (12:03)

Option 4 most widely supported (to eliminate some benefits and pay for others).

Discussion of medical versus reciprocation benefits and request for additional information regarding utilization of these benefits in student population.

Discussed general themes of open-ended comments of the student survey.

(12:15) TIMELINE: Recommendations due by March 1st to executive committee.

Discussed options for recommendation, need for justification of recommendation to the executive committee.

CL: Clarification of $300 dollars per YEAR, not semester.
Sturko: Suggest we keep benefits as students utilize them.
CL: Students’ concern that they accepted enrollment based on certain pretenses and are now being called upon to accept changes.
Discussion of salary changes and related committee, concluding that content outside scope of CSHAC.
Sturko: Suggest we don’t put entire costs on students, instead pursue temporary fund to cover benefits for the year, wait to see if funds come in after this period of time.

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Sturko: $300 per year increase is MAX. May actually decrease based on ACA’s mandate when finalized.
Discussion of open information released about minor differences in benefits for each option.
BW: Between now and our next meeting, need to have our options locked down. Need to collect information from undergraduate and international students to inform the decision making/recommendation process.
Student: Can we review the previous structure of Maxin benefits prior to current changes, then compare to the ACA mandate? It was working before so this may be a solution.
Discussion of changes and improvements leading to current status. Identified student survey responses in favor of paying for benefits instead of cutting benefits. Acne the only benefit largely approved to be cut by graduate students.
Payroll deduction is an option for students to pay for premium, not for undergraduates. Undergraduates not subject to late fee’s.

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Review of requests for information about benefits package options. Undergraduate student representative: Any plans to poll undergraduate and international students between now and our next meeting? BW: Given time constraints and complexity of retrieving survey information, we need to rely on representatives to collect the information. This may be a goal for next year, however. Sturko: Key to remember that increases in premium costs represent increases in benefits. Review of survey difficulties as too difficult to attempt in two week period.

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Wrap up/conclusion. Next meeting on February 29th.