New President’s Strategic Plan

1. Develop a strategic affiliation with the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) aside from simply membership, which will raise the profile and increase the power of the GSA's voice. (Edge Effect & Diversity)
   - Ensure we have a diverse set of graduate students attend the NAGPS LADs to gain lobbying skills to bring back and use to make the UAlbany GSA the focal point of graduate student advocacy in New York State
   - Ensure we have a diverse set of graduate student attend the National and Regional conferences to influence the legislative and advocacy platforms through participation in the business meetings to influence the ratification of NAGPS strategic plan, the restructuring of their advocacy board, the content of the NAGPS Institute, and the future of the organization through the election of officers
   - Establish internal mechanisms to determine who will attend these conferences and LADs and how the allocated money will be spent on those attendees
     - Create a form for application to attend events
     - Decide who makes the final decision and what metrics are used
     - Expand the budget for these events?
     - Decide how budget will be utilized specifically – fully cover students who go or offer partial funding so more students can go
   - Ensure information gathered and skills/tools learned at conferences and LADs are communicated to and shared with the GSA at large
     - Help orchestrate presentations or white papers by attendees
     - Disseminate information to the GSA membership
   - Reach out to the Director of Relations of the NAGPS to design and execute a plan to get as many GSA members as possible access to member benefits of the NAGPS (Hertz, Geico, etc. discounts)
   - Work with the Northeast Regional Chair and SUNY SA to get more SUNY schools and Northeast Region schools to join the NAGPS to solidify our own state network
     - Orchestrate letter writing by UAlbany GSA members to other SUNY Schools
     - Presentation at SUNY SA meetings by UAlbany GSA & NAGPS
   - Support GSA members to participate on NAGPS committees, such as the Legislative Concerns Committee calls and the Advocacy Board Calls (Employment, International, Social Justice), and SUNY SA Officers or committee members so they can gain insights and offer input into national and state advocacy efforts

2. Advocacy
   - Monthly Advocacy
     - Work with other officers and members to ensure we have an actionable advocacy initiative each month (Edge Effect, Redundancy)
     - Present a resolution to the Assembly and/or have graduate students write postcards to someone about the topic (Edge Effect, Redundancy)
   - Facilitate the First State Legislative Action Day
     - Work with the E-board and other officers, specifically the Programming Chair, Public Relations Director, Equity and Inclusion Chair, and Wages and Benefits Chair, to hold the State LAD (Redundancy, Diversity)
     - Create a training for volunteers on the issues as well as how to lobby
• Utilize those who have attended NAGPS LADs in the past to give volunteers a sense of what it is like
• Get a lobbyist or someone who lobby’s (such as Lori Teneyck) to train volunteers in how to talk with legislators
  o Help volunteers schedule meetings with representatives
  o Hold a debrief session the same day as our LAD to capture information and notes about how to improve things for future years

3. Institutional Memory and Long Term Planning
• Work with the Public Relations Director and Senate team to build coalitions with other campus entities – GSA work does not end with the monthly meeting, graduate students face uncertainty and crisis, we can only accomplish our goals by working with, not against, other campus groups. (Redundancy, Edge Effect, Diversity)
• Work with the Lead Senator and other GSA advocates to create a Legislative Action RGSO to lead our state-level advocacy efforts and provide support for additional legislative action. (Edge Effect, Diversity)
• Work with the Lead Senator to begin reworking the Lead Senator Position
• Create the 5-Year GSA plan – with a committee in the GSA, chaired by an assembly member, and involving key constituencies within our structure to further legitimize the GSA Assembly as a permanent fixture in University culture. (Redundancy, Diversity)
• Work with key members of the GSA to create a document with transitional information and important information future e-boards will need to know (Edge Effect, Redundancy)

Other pending business- These are not necessarily “strategic plan” elements. But these are issues that require some sort of action during this current term.
1. Renegotiate our relationship with UAS – Our contract is up this year.
2. Locking up new office space during the campus center expansion – We’ll hopefully be moving to a new office space in 2017. We want to be in the best position for prime office space when that happens.
3. Acquire a new printer and negotiate a new printing contract – Our current contract will expire in November 2016