Bob Beach – Candidate for GSA President

1. Build the GSA constituency – The GSA needs to represent ALL graduate students at the University at Albany.
   a. Find out what Grad Students want from their representatives – open and maintain lines of communication with graduate students regardless of their level of GSA participation
   b. Involve RGSO E-boards more fully in the process – work with our student groups to shape the GSA agenda
   c. Consider the needs of non-RGSOs – no graduate student should be left unrepresented because they choose not to actively participate in the GSA
   d. Offer and improve services that mitigate some of the pressure stemming from the grad student crisis – continue doing what the GSA does, improve on those initiatives, and develop new programs to assist graduate students in their day-to-day lives

2. Build a strong and effective GSA assembly – By becoming a true deliberative assembly, the monthly meeting will become a powerful tool for graduate student voice on campus.
   a. Streamline the meeting – by embracing time-tested procedural frameworks we will stop wasting time in assembly and use our time more efficiently
   b. Use the meeting to respond to grad student concerns – for too long, the assembly meeting has been an information session, a true deliberative assembly creates action
   c. Enhance the committee structure – much of our time in meetings is wasted on inefficient debate over minor points, committees are designed to smooth out finer points so that major issues can be debated in assembly meetings
   d. 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

3. Continue the work of the previous administration – By building a strong foundation with plank one and two, the GSA can be in a much better position to accomplish its goals, and see the great work of the current GSA administration through to its conclusion
   a. Strengthen our presence in the University Senate and University Council
   b. Maintain lines of communication with President Jones, Provost Stellar and other important people on campus
   c. Strengthen our presence in the SUNY System Student Assembly
   d. Continue the work with NAGPS