As Vice President, I have tried to ensure the Recognized Graduate Student Organization (RGSO) application and reimbursement processes are as easy as possible, and if reelected, I plan to work to make these processes even easier and RGSO friendly. I want to try to get the application process online and I am currently working on developing an easier way to award RGSOs money that will enable groups to have more freedom and autonomy in planning and holding events. I also have ideas about how to make RGSO training easier, especially in the middle of the year when many groups continue on with the same officers who have already been trained. I want to ensure that what we require officers to attend is a good use of their time and sitting through an identical training is not necessarily needed. If reelected Vice President, I will work with the President to develop a mid-year alternative to in-person training for groups who have the same Presidents and Treasurers. I will also continue to improve the new RGSO FAQ webpage, which I started to help groups get answers to their questions faster, which I have added to as needed.

I have also worked to try to improve our efficiency in the GSA Assembly. The institution of iClickers this semester has made the voting process simpler and ensures that Representatives can vote anonymously. The discount we received as an educational institution also allowed me to purchase more clickers than we have RGSOs. This will ensure we can continue to utilize the technology when the GSA grows and gains more members.

I also hope to continue building a strong relationship between the Executive Board and the RGSOs as well as work with the Executive Board on membership and retention. If reelected Vice President, I plan to reach out to departments who currently do not have an RGSO to let their students know we exist and how they can start a group and become involved. Another way to facilitate GSA growth is to institute a way to allow groups to become Mini RGSOs in the middle of the semester. The new RGSO Guidelines, that the Assembly plans to take up at its April meeting, institutes and formalizes the practice of assisting new groups who express interest in the middle of a semester in holding a small event or two to keep their interest before they apply to become a full-fledged group at the beginning of the next semester.