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1.) Grad Students and ASOSU

We want to dedicate a week before the election period starts and have a meeting each day that entails: important election dates, what positions are available/what they do, how to file for candidacy, etc. We will send the dates and information talked about to every graduate organization and program on campus. We realize ASOSU is inaccessible for students so we want to have bi-weekly town hall meetings where students can tell us what they need/what we need to improve on. They will be at times that work for graduate students because we realize you all are very busy.

2.) Contract Negotiations

As President and Vice President, we will work with our Coordinator of Graduate Affairs and Graduate Student Success Center to lobby for more equitable contract stipulations, for we know graduate student life is taxing. We will plan to be present at monthly GSSC info sessions to not only hear graduate students' needs, but also to collaborate with graduate students to pass legislation that is graduate student–centered. Our first plans for supporting graduate students concern acquiring more SIFC funds to support new graduate hirees and petitioning for the hiring of more grads so they can receive the support they need.

3.) Graduate Employee Representation on the Board of Trustees

The fact that there is no specific graduate student representation on the Board of Trustees is an injustice in and of itself. We know the Board is rather new this year--in terms of membership--and we will use this to our advantage in fighting for the creation of a graduate student seat on the Board so that graduate student needs are not overshadowed, and inequities between students are not intensified. Graduate students are the ones who do the most brunt work for our school in terms of research and generating revenue, and they deserve to be fully represented on the Board.

4.) Child Care

OSU has two Our Little Village Drop-Off Child Care Centers where you can leave your child for only 3 hours a day on a first come, first serve basis. This is not enough for many graduate students where one class could be three hours. Since Our Little Village is student fee funded, we want to push during the SIFC meetings for more funding to increase staff and drop-off centers so students can have the opportunity to drop-off their children whenever they need for as long as they need.