

Notes from 1.29.09 Meet and Greet With Graduate Student Leaders

Attendees

- Shannon Houston-Yvart and Eric Oberstein, Student Advocates for the Arts (SAA) - Teachers College
- Ramon Maislen, - Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation (GSAPP): Real Estate Development
- Isabela Echeverry and Mark Weingarten - SIPA

Opening Remarks

- Geographic boundaries such as 120th Street or east of Amsterdam often keep larger communities from forming. The perceived boundaries lead to schools as being more insular than may actually be the case.

Ideas For Building Community: Event Specific

- There should be an opportunity for graduate-wide mixers. One example is Gradfest, which originally began as a collaboration between GSAS, Law, and SIPA. The new contact for Gradfest is Craig Greiwe at CLS: ceg2124@columbia.edu
- There should more of a presence at Orientation functions/events at the various schools.
- Arts Initiative could host an "Arts Panel Night," where representatives from the various schools address the arts as it relates to their specific fields (whether legislative, creative, or administrative).
- We should continue the informal graduate meetings where students across the various graduate schools can hear about each other's various programs and collaborate on ideas.
- The Arts Initiative could host Columbia Grad Student Night @ Series, which would give graduate students an opportunity to network at arts events.
- The Arts Initiative could create a graduate Advisory Board or Student Arts Committee that would meet monthly to discuss arts-related issues and opportunities to collaborate through the arts cross-campus

Ideas For Building Community - Outreach Specific

- A website could be created that lists arts classes across the university...a one-stop-shop for arts-related classes across the various schools.
- Listservs can be a helpful way of disseminating information: administrative, student government, student organization, or a collection of leaders from grad schools such as yourselves
- Cross-graduate collaboration on arts-related projects

Arts Initiative Resources

- We can help you purchase tickets for events: ticketinfo@columbia.edu
- We can help ticket or generate RSVPs for your event
- We can give money to your arts related projects and events through [The Gatsby Charitable Foundation Student Arts Support Fund](#)
- We can provide you with [listings](#) of campus arts groups/departments and organizations.
- We can brainstorm on other ways to help you build the arts community you'd like on campus

Our Outreach

- [Weekly e-newsletter](#), which details free and discounted events on campus and throughout the city
- Facebook group [CUArts](#) and [Ticket and Information Center Fan Page](#) where you can get up-to-date information on our programs and connect with other students

- [Twitter](#) tweets about exclusive deals and our events on campus
- Chad has office hours in the Piano Lounge in Lerner Hall: Fridays, 2p-4p