Advocacy Agenda 2015-2016

1. The Advocacy Agenda will consist of two advocacy campaigns, reflecting an achievable timeline for genuine progress.
2. To this end, the Graduate Assembly will specify one continuing campaign and one new campaign, each of which will take place over a two year cycle.
3. In the first year the GA will pursue research, meet with stakeholders, and build coalitions with organizations at the campus, community, state, and national levels as a means of building awareness and identifying potential solutions. The GA will identify and act on immediately achievable goals.
4. Continuing a campaign for a second year provides an opportunity to push for solutions developed the previous year. The GA has previously carried campaigns across multiple years. Professional Development and Wellness Campaigns had significant successes due to multiple years of focus.
5. The choice of an advocacy campaign should reflect the opportunity to build a cohesive vision for change around an issue, leveraging GA projects, representation on campus committees, lobby corps, and collaboration with other groups at the campus, community, state, and national level.
6. White Papers defining the advocacy issue and codifying the status of research, proposed solutions, and strategy for advocacy should be adopted and regularly revised for each advocacy campaign.
7. Advocacy campaigns will be assigned to a coordinating work-group, which will communicate the concurrent and/or collaborative efforts of multiple internal committees, campus committees, projects directors and other actors.

2015-2016 Advocacy Issues:
- Action (Continuing) Topic: Diversity
- Development (New) Topic: Housing