

## **TGS Student Affairs and Student Support Enhancements**

### **Spring 2020 through Summer 2021**

1. Creation and Expansion of SAs Team: Dr. Laura Valente, Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Affairs; Debbie Reynoso, Assistant Director for Student Support; Caren Ferrante, Student Assistance Coordinator; Susan Hagen, Enrollment Activities Coordinator; Mike Costanzo, GA for Graduate Student Affairs; Maha Souman, GA for Diversity and Inclusion.
2. Creation of Two GA positions for Grad Student Academic Support – Writing Assistance and Statistics Support.
3. Creation of Workshop Sessions to Foster Enrollment and Retention. Examples include Time Management, Understanding the IRB, Resume' Writing, Meet and Greet events, Dean's Open Forum.
4. Increased Communication. Examples include News You Can Use and the Assistantship Monthly
5. Data-Driven Assessment and Decision-Making: Creation and dissemination of multiple surveys and assessment tools. Utilize for full improvement cycle.
6. Development of Collaborative Relationships Across Campus: Grad Council, Deans' Offices, CAPS, CLSD, Provost's Office, Global Engagement, etc.
7. Policies and Procedures: development, revision, and enforcement to reduce obstacles to student success, foster consistency and fairness among students, and ensure compliance with external requirements.
8. Increased Flexibility in Assistantship Funding: Creation of partial allocations, 9-month terms for teaching support, GAAs, expansion of SGAs to administrative units, "endorsements"
9. Advocacy for Students: Communicating the needs of graduate students on a wide range of issues to the relevant units. For example: Significant Reduction in the cost of Student Health Insurance

#### ***SAVE THE DATE:***

Join us Friday September 10 at 3:00pm in the Staff Dining Room for a more comprehensive discussion of specific programs, services, policies, and procedures. An invitation will be sent shortly.