

**GRADUATE STUDENT FEE  
CHANGE:  
INFORMATIONAL SESSION**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>,  
2013**



# OVERVIEW

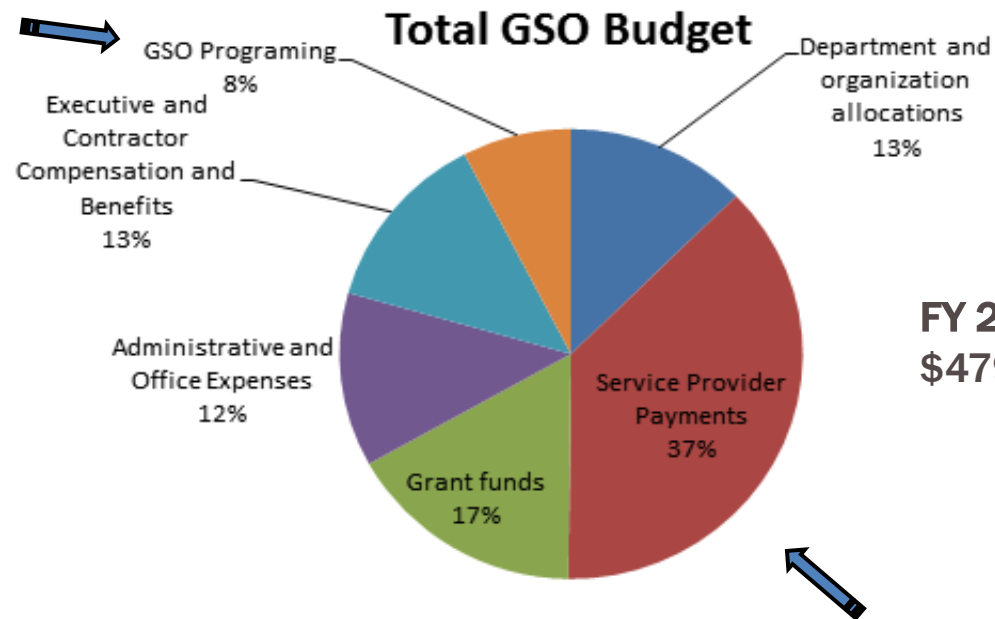
- Background: Who? What? Why?
- ESF grads pay \$15 *SU Student Activities fee* in fall
- Provides access to GSO services and programming
- ESF bursar -> SU bursar -> GSO account
- Separate from ESF Student Activities Fee
  - a portion of which supports GSA
- \$15 fee has not changed in a very long time
  - ESF grads pay substantially less than SU grads for GSO services
- GSO is seeking \$30/year/student or to reduce service access
- Additional services offered next year

# GSO BUDGET

Fees paid by ESF grads support Service Provider Payments and GSO Programming.

Note: These are also the only functions which ESF grads are currently entitled to.

Note: ESF fees do not support indirect expense – e.g. administration and overhead.



**GSO Programming: \$36,500 (7.6%)**

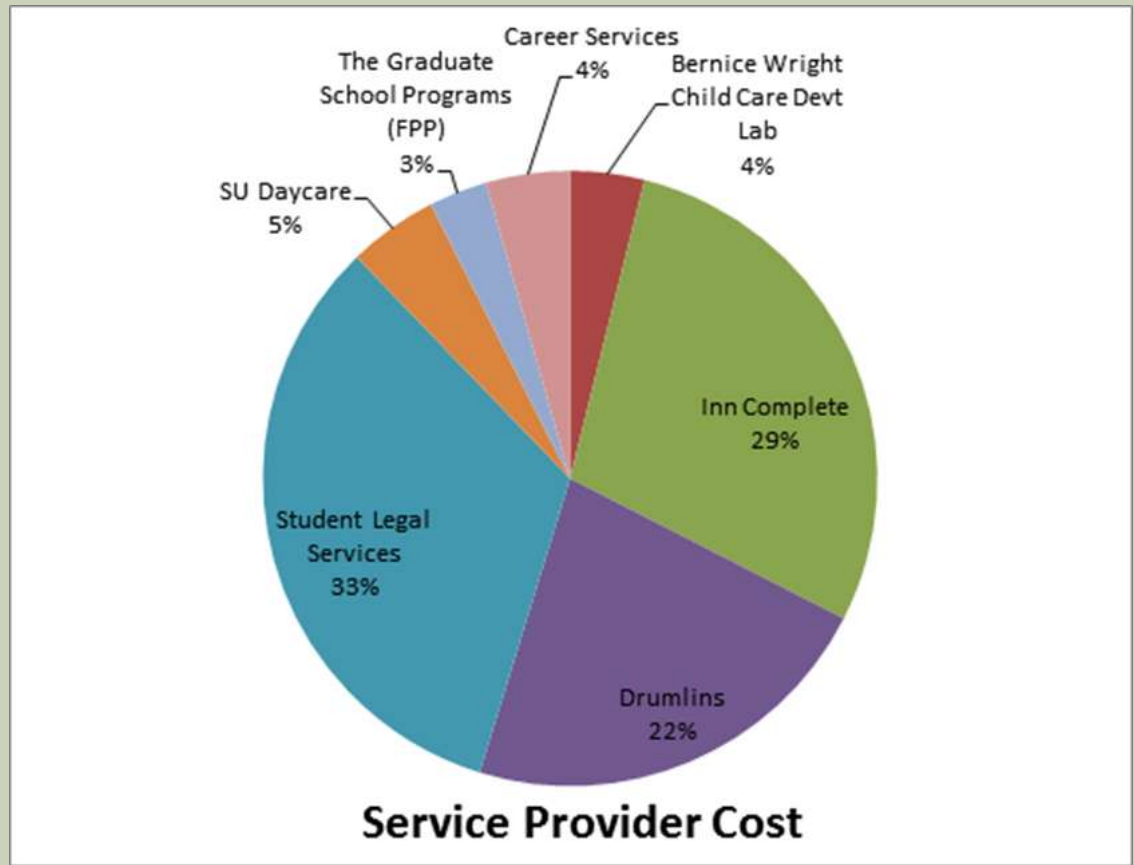
Funds programming like opening and closing picnics, dome partnership, and various events like wine and beer tastings at the Inn Complete

**Service Provider Payments: \$179,868 (37.5%)**

Student Legal Services, SU Daycare, Graduate School programs, Career Services, Bernice Wright Child Care, Inn Complete, Drumlins

# SERVICES PROVIDED TO ESF STUDENTS

- Subtotal of programming and service provider costs: \$216,368
- Total contributions by ESF graduate students: \$8,190
  - Equates to 3.79% of subtotal



Note: ESF grad fee = \$15; SU grad fee = \$80; Law School student fee = \$30

# SERVICE RECIPIENTS

## Proportion of ESF service recipients:

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| ■ Full-time SU graduate and Law School students: | 4634       |
| ■ Part-time SU graduate and Law School students: | 1597       |
| ■ Subtotal SU graduate and Law population:       | 6231       |
| ■ <u>ESF graduate students:</u>                  | <u>546</u> |
| ■ Total population receiving services:           | 6777       |
- ESF graduates make up **8.06%** of service and programming recipients; however, ESF student fees cover **3.79%** of related costs

# NEW SERVICES

## New services/changes beginning AY 2013-14:

- New York State Parks '*Empire Pass*' for \$10 (normally \$65)
  - Provides unlimited day use vehicle entry to most New York State parks and recreational facilities
- Golf membership at *The Links at Erie Village*
  - Still under negotiation, but will likely replace Drumlins
  - Student membership purchase for ~\$20 (normally \$499)
- Discounted indoor golf at Destiny USA (still under negotiation)
- Increased money to subsidize and expand Outdoor Education
  - Organizes Spring Break trips, upcoming Warrior Dash race, etc.

# GSA POSITION

- 1) Better to maintain current relationship with GSO.
  - ESF students pay far less than SU grads or SU Law students
  - Fee increase is reasonable and fair request -> still affords an excellent value for ESF grads
  
- 2) Several services would be cost-prohibitive for grads to obtain on their own.
  - Fall survey results: ESF grads do not use all services, but many were aware of at least some services and reported using them.
  - Services used least (e.g. SU Daycare, Bernice Wright Childcare, Career Services) are small (13% of service expenditures) compared to higher use services (e.g. Inn Complete, Legal Services, Drumlins) (84% of service expenditures)
  
- 3) New services, particularly '*Empire Pass*' and expanded Outdoor Education subsidies, will be of high value and interest to ESF graduate students in future years.

Together, and based on meetings with GSO and ESF administrators, GSA supports this fee increase from \$15 to \$30 for the academic year.

# IMPLEMENTATION

- Better to have \$15 fee assessed each semester
  - Many grads complete degrees in fall/absent for semesters
- Likely to take effect next AY
- Should not imply future increases for ESF grads
  - Need to also consider ESF Student Activities Fee (\$50)
- Increase awareness services and encourage students to use them
  - GSA events, incoming student orientation, etc.
- Currently working with Business Affairs on administration of fee change
- They WANT student feedback and input



# FEEDBACK

- First, questions?
- Second, please fill out feedback form OR email comments, questions, concerns to [scott.sveiven@gmail.com](mailto:scott.sveiven@gmail.com)
- Thanks for coming!

Is this issue important to you? Want to be involved in making ESF as good as possible for grads? Consider joining the GSA!