

National Black Graduate Students Association (NBGSA) Western Regional Conference
GPSC Event Report

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Date of Event: October 3rd-5th, 2008

Location of Event: MLK Center/ BIO5

The NBGSA Western Regional conference hosted by the UA chapter of the Black Graduate Students Association was deemed a successful event. We had approximately 60 attendees which comprised of undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff members along with vendors from various institutions and companies. The event was designed to inspire undergraduate students to attend graduate school and to motivate graduate students to persevere. This is the first time that an event such as this one has been held on UA campus and we whole heartedly thank GPSC for supporting the event financially. I am including in this report a copy of our conference agenda.

The Funds granted to BGSA-UA for this event was used for a number of things including hotel accommodations for two of our conference speakers. This included a two night stay at the Four Points Sheraton. Both speakers were from the Phoenix area. Funds were also used for table rentals. The BIO5 building only has rectangular shaped tables for use, we rented 10-60 inch rounds from facility management. Also from facilities management we were billed for custodial services for the day of the event. GPSC funds were also used to purchase appreciation gifts for our speakers. Main conference speakers were given laser pointers while panelists were given a gift card to UA bookstore. Funds were also used for miscellaneous items such as name tags and pens for conference attendees.

We have attached the conference program booklet for reference. It shows the acknowledgements to the sponsors including GPSC.

If the information provided is insufficient, please contact me at the email provided above. Again, your continued generosity to BGSA-UA is greatly appreciated. Your support of the NBGSA Western Regional Conference will forever be remembered by our members. Thanks for making this a successful event.