

Resident Advisors Liaison and Representative Roles 2016-2017

RAs serve as either Liaisons to various groups inside and beyond GSAS or as Representatives promoting a specific cause. Liaison and Representative duties work to promote learning, growth, and community in the GSAS residence halls. Below are details of these roles and the budget (if applicable) for the academic year.

LIASONS

Communications Liaison: [Sherah Bloor](#)

The Communications Liaison will work with the Residential Life team to use platforms such as Facebook and Instagram to provide information, promote events, and foster a community among residents. The Communications Liaison will also manage the GSAS Residential Life Google Calendar and create the digital phone book of phone numbers found on the Wallet Cards. Finally, the Communications Liaison will organize and manage communication among the team of RAs, by creating a RA listserv, and/or other communication forums for RA use.

Budget: \$50

Dudley Meal Plan Liaison: [Vinay Subbiah](#)

The Dudley Meal Plan Liaison works with the Dudley Dining Staff to help disseminate information about Dudley Dining and the Dudley House Meal Plan to residents. The liaison also helps to convey residents' questions, suggestions, including "Meals from Home" recipes, and concerns regarding Dudley Café and the Meal Plan back to the Dudley Dining Staff through meeting with the Dudley Café Manager and Chef. The Liaison also organizes meetings, as necessary, to provide an opportunity for discussion with the Dudley Dining Manager, Chef, RAs, and residents.

Graduate Dormitory Council (GDC) Liaison: [Carlo Alberto Amadei](#)

The GDC Liaison strives to encourage communication among the GDC, the RAs, and the offices of GSAS Residential Life and Student Services. The Liaison attends each of the GDC officer and general meetings. From the Graduate Dormitory Council Bylaws:

- There shall be one or more representatives from the GSAS Resident Advisors who serve as liaison(s) between the RAs and the GDC
- S/he shall represent the GSAS Resident Advisors, the GSAS Office of Residential Life, and the GSAS Office of Student Services at the meetings of the GDC Executive Committee.
- The RA Liaison(s) shall be adjunct GDC officer(s), attending GDC executive and general meetings, and with the same voting privileges as full GDC officer(s).
- The RA Liaisons(s) shall not count toward the maximum GDC officer limit of 10 (Article 4: Section A) because their relationship to the Office of Residential Life, subsidized housing, and bypassing of the housing lottery, are arranged independently from that of the volunteer GDC officer positions.

Graduate Student Council (GSC) Liaison: [Rodrick Kuate Defo](#)

The Liaison attends all GSC open meetings and, if the need arises, presents RA issues to the GSC. The Liaison works to improve the communication between the GSC and the RA team, increase the visibility of the GSC in the residence halls, and open new avenues for collaboration in joint projects and events.

Liaisons for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Concerns: [Louis Lu](#), [Clarisse Wells](#)

The Liaison stays informed about any current events of interest to LGBT students and is in ongoing contact with various LGBT-focused student and interest groups. The Liaison is available to help address concerns that LGBT residents may have and organize(s) one event each Term for the LGBT and ally residential community. The Liaison also provides a flyer about his/her role for posting in the residence halls.

Budget: \$150

REPRESENTATIVES

Campus Activities Representative: [Ciarán O'Neill](#)

This Representative reviews information about campus events of particular interest to GSAS residents. The Representative provides then selects events and sends his/her selections to the GSAS Residential Life team weekly by Thursday morning for inclusion in the Friday newsletter to residents. This Representative also sends digital flyers or webpages for exciting events to the Communications Liaison to publish through online platforms.

English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Representatives: [Prahar Mitra](#), [Anne-Sophie Pratte](#)

This Representative holds events that are intended to help residents who might want to practice speaking English and discussing American culture. In addition to “Small Talk,” this Representative is expected to hold an event each Term. Events in the past have included a Game Night, an Oscar Awards watch party and a screening of the movie “Mean Girls.”

Budget: \$100

Environmental Representatives: [Amaneeet Lochab](#), [David Kolchmeyer](#)

The Environmental Representative works to reduce the use of energy, materials, and water in the residence halls by providing information and events that promote the efficient use of resources and recycling. This Representative works closely with the Facilities Manager, Director of Residential Life, and the Harvard Office for Sustainability.

Budget: \$250

Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment (SASH) Representatives: [Tuo Liu](#), [Hardeep Dhillon](#)

SASH Representatives are primary resources for residents of GSAS residence halls in dealing with issues concerning sexual assault or harassment and other gender-related issues. The SASH RAs complete a training program offered by the Office of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (OSAPR). SASH Representatives are expected to offer at least one event each Term, such as a discussion about “Dating Do’s and Don’ts,” Valentine’s Day all-inclusive cards, and a White Ribbon Campaign.

Budget: \$100

Wellness Focus Representative: [Daphne Penn](#), [Becca Voelcker](#)

This Representative works to holistically foster the academic, physical, psychological, and spiritual well-being of residents. The Representative provides information on wellness-oriented activities available to residents, is available to answer residents’ wellness-related questions and to receive feedback and suggestions about wellness at Harvard and in the residence halls. The Wellness Representative is expected to offer one activity each term. Past events have included Exercise Frequency Competitions, Stress Management Workshop, study breaks with nutritious snacks, and bringing in massage therapists from the Center for Wellness and Health Communication.

Budget: \$150