

Forestry Graduate Student Association (FGSA)

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The Forestry Graduate Student Association (FGSA) currently consists of 28 members. Fifteen members are Masters students while the rest are Ph.D. candidates. All graduate students of the forestry department are automatically members of the Association. The current committee members are Aydin Tufekcioglu (President), Hongling Zhang (Secretary / treasurer), and Rebecca Mack (Senator). The president represents the graduate students in Forestry department staff meetings, the Forestry Graduate Committee, while the treasurer deals primarily with financial issues. The Senator represents the Forestry graduate students to the Graduate Senate. The advisor of the association is Dr. J. M. Kelly. The newly elected representatives are Gaspar Horvath (President), Rob-

ert Grala (Secretary / treasurer) and Danelle Boeckman (Senator). Extra curricular activities involve sports activities at the recreation center and dinner meetings at Dr. Kelly's house. During these meals typical discussion issues include future directions of forestry, discussions of our own research with the other graduate students, how to write grants or publications, ethics, etc. Another interesting part of the Association is its diverse cultural background. Currently, 11 different countries (including the United States) and four continents are represented in the association. This gives graduate students a great opportunity to learn about and develop an understanding of cultures that are different from their own.



Hong-ling Zhang, Danelle Boeckmann, Gaspar Horvath, Sovith Sin, George Zaimes, Valasia Iakovoglou. Front row: Dave Webber, Ayden Tufekcioglu, Beckv Mack, Chris Feelev.

