**FSU-GAU News**  
By Kim Anderson, FSU-GAU President

UFF-FSU-GAU held elections in March for the positions of President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Vice President of Membership. Those positions are now filled by Kimberly Tate Anderson (English), Martin Bremer (Education), Tara Baldrick-Morrone (Religion) and Wayne Reed (English), respectively. Two days after the new executive committee took office, FSU-GAU hosted a social event, drawing about 20 GAs from various departments.

On May 22, FSU-GAU met with representatives of the BOT to open bargaining. This year, the chapter is negotiating the entire CBA. Thus far, both parties have signed a number of articles and hope to have all non-economic aspects of the contract signed by the end of July. But that’s when the real battle begins. In addition to fighting for higher stipends and better subsidies for health insurance premiums, FSU-GAU is working on securing paid parental/family leave, allowing all GAs access to outside employment regardless of their stipend, enforcing reasonable workload standards and processes for recourse, and securing safe and secure working conditions. We expect a great deal of resistance, but are prepared for the fight.

In August, FSU-GAU will be visiting departments throughout the university to educate GAs on the work we do and to recruit new members. The first of these already took place on June 29, resulting in the addition of six new members. We are working on strategies to surpass our membership from the 2014-2015 year and hope to match last year’s membership by the start of fall semester.