



Coalition Building: Lessons From the Graduate Committee.

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What is the graduate committee?



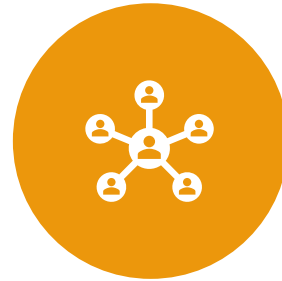
Founded to bring together graduate students within the NEA



Made up of graduate students from across the country: From Florida to Hawaii



Hosts monthly meetings to discuss graduate-specific issues



Maintains space for graduate students to connect, network, and share organizing strategies and resources



What are coalitions?

- Bring together small groups within larger bodies
 - Engender group-specific advocacy
 - Enables the sharing of resources and strategies that are most applicably to the group
 - Allows for better group visibility within the larger body
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Activity!

Imagine you wanted to form a coalition. Around what might you organize your coalition





Who Can Have a Coalition

- Typically formed by groups with a shared interest that is underrepresented within the larger body
 - Can help underrepresented groups gain more visibility/influence
 - Allow for groups within a larger body to self-advocate while remaining part of the body
 - Interest oriented
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Activity!

Imagine your table wants to form a coalition. What unites you? For what interest would you advocate? Is this a viable coalition?



How do Coalitions Take Shape



Identify the group



Gauge interest from potential members



Organize meetings

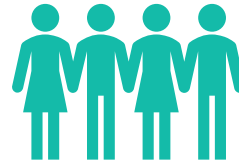


Established a shared space

The Benefit of Institutional Memory



Allows for strategies, resources, and networks to become multigenerational



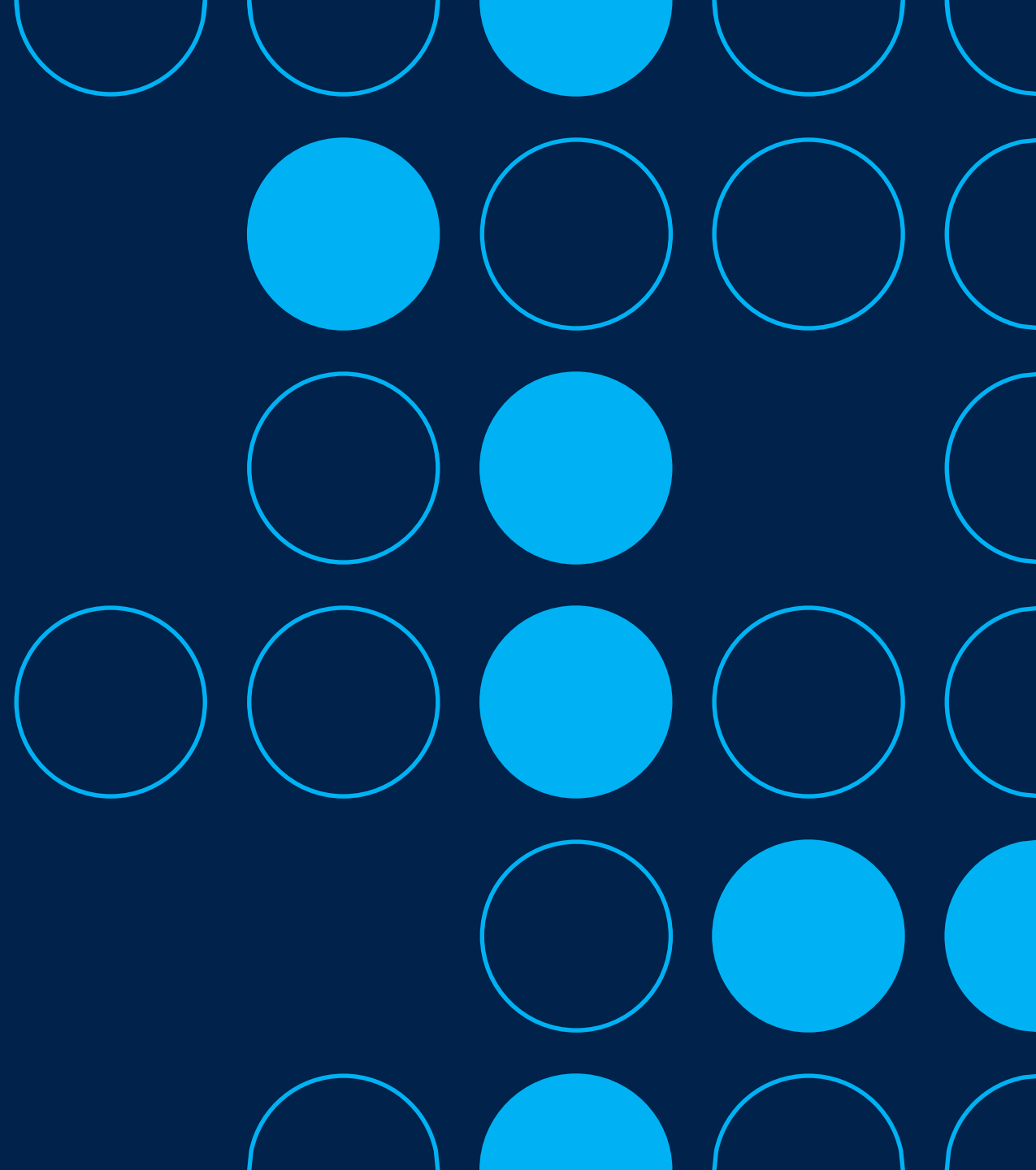
Especially beneficial for those in contingent roles



Creates a community that is prepared to take on new members

Activity!

At your table, brainstorm the types of things that could be helpful at establishing and maintaining the institutional memory of a coalition





Questions/Discussion Points

