With elections drawing near, please consider participating in the Registered Student Organization Transition Day on **Friday, May 3rd** in order to provide your organization with a strong foundation to lead you into the 2013-2014 academic year.

**What is a Transition Day?**

How many student organization leaders are completely prepared to assume their next leadership role immediately following elections? If you are like most student leaders at Mason, you might feel overwhelmed transitioning from a general member to an executive board member or from an executive board member to a different leadership role.

*This year, the Office of Student Involvement is encouraging its first Transition Day for Registered Student Organizations!* The purpose of this day is for outgoing leaders to provide incoming leaders with all of the information and resources they need to succeed in their new positions. The RSO Leadership Team has suggestions and tools for your organization to utilize during Transition Day. Join us in our campaign to help all RSOs at Mason be successful!

For more information and resources to help you build a smooth transition process for your incoming leaders, please email rso@gmu.edu.
When Does Transition Day Happen?

Your Transition Day should occur soon after you elect your new student leaders. We encourage your Transition Day to occur on our before Friday, May 3rd.

Officer Transitions

Officer transitions play a huge role in the success of your organization for the future. Here is a suggested time line for the semester in which you hold elections:

- **Beginning of semester**
  - Inform members about positions and what they entail.

- **1 Month before elections**
  - Talk with members who you see as potential leaders.

- **3 Weeks before elections**
  - Invite potential candidates to an executive meeting.

- **During elections**
  - Be mindful of your words and be considerate of others’ opinions.

- **1 Week after elections**
  - Plan a shadow day for incoming officers to learn from outgoing officers.

- **2 Weeks after elections**
  - Host a traditional leadership-training workshop.

- **1 Month after elections**
  - Go to meetings. Encourage members to seek answers from new officers.