# **Graduate Student Council**

General Body Meeting Minutes

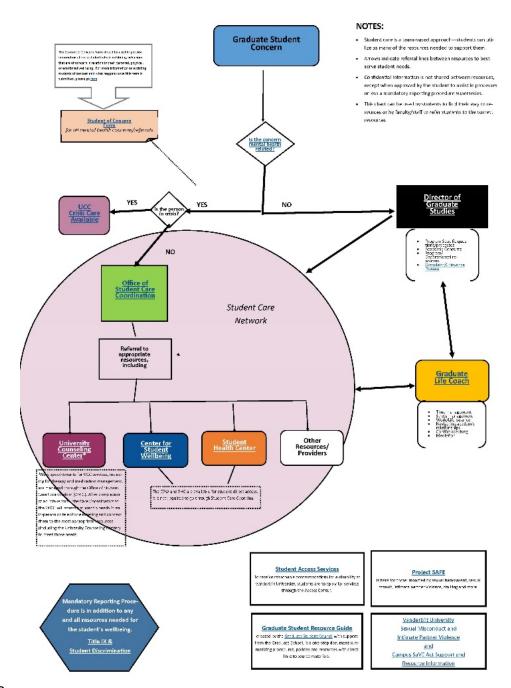
14 March 2019 Alumni Hall 201 6-7 PM

# President – Mary Lauren Benton

- Website seems to be fixed
  - o If not, email <u>gsc@vanderbilt.edu</u>
- Graduate Student Conference
  - o Kissam 9AM-4PM

# Student Life Coach - Stacy Satchell

- Graduate Student Concerns Flowchart
  - o Knowing where to go with resources





- Financial hardship?
- Job market stressors (see Ruth)?
- Critical Conversations Series for Graduate Students
  - o Pilot program with funding from NIH (all fields)
    - **3/20, 3/27, 4/10, 4/17**

#### Student Life Liaison - Kelsea Best

- Mentorship survey with committee
  - o Draft made
  - Need IRB approval
    - Will do some testing, then launch

- Leaning on department reps to push it
- Grievance language
  - Updating handbook to give more power to graduate school (less to dean of school)
  - o Goes up the line and balance out power
  - o Sent to VU lawyers
- Poster printing
  - o Access to poster printing services: 50%
    - Free? No...
- Graduate School money available!
  - o Going to travel and dissertation enhancements application process
  - o Think about application needs to be used by June 30
    - ~\$1000/person
- Other issues?
- AAAS Nexus of Science and Spirituality (3/19-20)
  - o Keynote, workshop (STEM focused), and \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Open to public
- Dean's Diversity Lecture (3/21 from 4-5PM in Wyatt Rotunda)
- LGBTOI events
  - o International Student Career Connections (3/26 from 12:30-2PM)
    - One magnolia circle rm 241
  - o PRIDE Training, March 27 12:30-3:30 in EBI 1003 registration form on the website
  - Queer Graduate and Professional Student (QGPS) Affinity Group April 2 at 7:30 in KCPC, interest meeting
  - o Lavender Graduation April 17, 7 PM in SLC Ballroom (RSVP)
- Graduate Student Appreciation Week (4/1-5)
  - o Ice Cream Social, Alumni 202/206, Wednesday April 3
  - o Women's Center & LGBTQI Life reception Friday, April 5
  - o + Meditation, others

#### Treasury - Chris Taisch

- AcFee application deadline (due today, 3/14!)
  - o Interviews
    - Short interview (~10 min) with RSO President/Treasurer
    - All interviews will be completed by March 28
  - o Notification of allocations will be sent out by Mid-April

## Academic Affairs Committee – Ian Setliff and Jack Ding

- 3MT
  - o Registration by 3/15
  - o Event is 3/29

- o Slides due 3/22
- o Can come without registration RSVP'd
- o Reception at Wond'ry with Zeppos
- Encouraged by everyone!!
- Day full of free food, prizes!

## Social Affairs Committee – Cam de Wet and Souhrid Muhkerjee

- Grad Student Social
  - o End of appreciation week
  - o Friday, 4/5
  - o Unveil renovation of Alumni Hall
  - o Volunteers welcome!
    - 2 events can qualify you for scholarships
  - o Email Cam if you want to do to be a social chair next year

# Community Affairs Committee – Maria Agostoni and Hannah Ingersoll

- Shade tree trot 4/20
  - o Spots on the GSC team
- Pen Pals with a purpose 4/11
  - o Meet with pen pal

#### Vice President – Michael Pritchard

- Constitution and By-laws
  - o Revised to
  - o Procedural vote for revisions in coming month
  - o Will be on website in ~1 week
  - o Questions/comments/concerns to

### President/Elections – Mary Lauren Benton

- Nominations/elections for Exec Board found in April
  - o Elections will be online (AnchorLink)
  - o Transfer of power on July 1
  - o All positions open
  - o Nominations by self or others

#### Questions, Comments, Concerns:

• Ruth – put up job descriptions on website