

# Graduate Student Council

## *General Body Meeting Minutes*

1 October 2020

Zoom

6-7 PM

*President – Josh Passantino*

- Welcome
- Good news

*Turner Family Center – Hannah Turnbull and Kathleen Hritz*

- Interdisciplinary, student-led organization committed to developing socially and environmentally conscious leaders and doers
- Pillars
  - Interdisciplinary
  - Student-led
  - Social impact
  - Market forces and enterprise
- Responsible for all Vanderbilt graduate schools
- Offerings
  - Case competitions
  - Project pyramid
  - Treks
  - Lunch and learn
  - Speakers
  - Miint
  - Social enterprise consulting
  - Social impact certificate – brand new!
  - Emerging impact leaders
  - Net impact
  - Office hours
  - Career development
  - Summer fellowships
  - Annual social ventures summit
  - 100% Owen
  - Board fellows
- Join the mailing list here:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPkWupcT0X6ZfJZ-FRSZCjaoh0jtOCuEuRPf\\_J2NG8YQ4NeQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPkWupcT0X6ZfJZ-FRSZCjaoh0jtOCuEuRPf_J2NG8YQ4NeQ/viewform)
- Hult case competition
  - Social enterprise to address challenge – food for good

- Social ventures summit – Jan. 2021 – discuss social enterprise, careers, social problems and how to address
- Social enterprise consulting – spring program – matches students with social enterprises
- Project pyramid – experiential learning course on global consulting for social enterprises in classroom and field
- Student leadership opportunities
  - Large board and committee structure
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- [Turnerfamilycenter@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Turnerfamilycenter@vanderbilt.edu)
- Vanderbilttfc on Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn
- <https://turnerfamilycenter.com>

*Representatives from campus libraries – Melissa Mallon and Andy Wesolek*

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- DISc
- Media and publishing
- Digital collection building
- Copyright issues
- Consultation and project support
- Workshops/trainings
- Workshop series
  - Digital literacies Thursday at 1
  - Research productivity Tuesdays at 1
- [Vanderbi.lt/digitalit](http://Vanderbi.lt/digitalit) or [vanderbi.lt/researchproductivity](http://vanderbi.lt/researchproductivity)
- Virtual workshop series for semester long training for introductory things
  - R
  - Python
  - GitHub
- Other training needs?
  - [disc@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:disc@vanderbilt.edu)
  - schedules and office hours for this: [library.vanderbilt.edu/disc](http://library.vanderbilt.edu/disc)
- [vanderbi.lt/librarians](http://vanderbi.lt/librarians)
  - Librarians by subject
  - Book an individual consult
  - Live chat with a librarian
- [library.vanderbilt.edu/ask](http://library.vanderbilt.edu/ask)
  - fill out form with more information
- quiet space for online classes and studying
  - study rooms/carrels – under services on website
  - first come first serve
  - must use headphones
  - central/divinity libraries have least restrictions so best options

*Graduate Life Coach – Stacey Satchell*

- Stacey.satchell@vanderbilt.edu, @VUGradLife, Alumni Hall 010, <https://gradschool.vanderbilt.edu/gradlife/index.php>
  - Individual coaching and group programming
  - Navigating academic relationships
  - Advocates for graduate student needs within the university
  - Psychology of peak performance workshop series and critical conversations workshop series you can sign up for Fall 2020 on Fridays 12-1 PM
- Can book appointment on her website
- Appointment topics
  - Career progression
  - Student of concern
  - Health and wellbeing
  - Peer relationships
  - Evaluative relationships
  - Academic progression
- Programming
  - Demystifying taxes for grad students and postdocs
  - The grad student and postdoc's guide to personal finance
  - Collaborative communication postponed until Feb. 2021
  - PowerPlay may be postponed until spring 2021
- Student of concern flowchart: [https://gradschool.vanderbilt.edu/documents/lifecoach/student\\_of\\_concern.pdf](https://gradschool.vanderbilt.edu/documents/lifecoach/student_of_concern.pdf)
- Help her get word out
- Invite her to talk at any student group you would like!

*President – Josh Passantino*

- Listening sessions for the new Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School will be held within the next two weeks
- Grad student lounge in alumni Hall is being used for grad student COVID testing and will eventually be accessible only to grad students
- Plan to vote in Tennessee and have to fill out and turn in the registration application, you must do that 30 days before the election (Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>)

*Academic Affairs – Bryant Best and Jessica Feller*

- Gsc\_academic@vanderbilt.edu
- 3 Minute Thesis
  - March 4, 2021
  - Likely virtual event
  - Currently looking for judges so please suggest; can be anyone from around the world since it will be virtual
- Email Jessica.feller.1@vanderbilt.edu or Bryant.o.best@vanderbilt.edu with ideas
- Graduate student travel funds
  - Recently received approval to support virtual registration costs through our travel funds
  - Reimbursable travel must still comply with all previous guidelines
  - Attend 1 social event (like a GBM) in order to do this

- <https://Studentorg.vanderbilt.edu/gsc/travel-funding-request>

*Community Affairs – Alexandra Abu-Shmais and Dora Adobo*

- [Gsc\\_community@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Gsc_community@vanderbilt.edu)
- Pen Pals with a Purpose
  - Virtual letter exchange with middle schoolers and grad students
  - Email them or join anchor link if you are interested though they have enough grad students now so you would be put on waitlist once more middle schoolers join
  - Received email about student pair this week
  - Grad students letters by Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - Return letters by Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Rolling admission
- Dinners with community leaders
  - 1 event this semester in late October/early November
  - Womens empowerment
  - Plan to invite everyone that did an interest form
  - More details to come
  - Is there someone in the community you want? Email them!
- Peer Accountability Collaborative Experience (P.A.C.E.) –
  - Purpose: fortify the Vanderbilt graduate community through support, discussion, collaboration, and accountability across schools and programs
  - Low-stakes/high-value opportunity for connection
  - Semester-long commitment with rolling admissions
  - Workshops on SMART goals, achievement, boundaries, priorities, and more with Stacey Satchell
  - [Vandy.pace@gmail.com](mailto:Vandy.pace@gmail.com)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> pace workshop: Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Stacey Satchell: how to balance your work, life, and career: productivity and time management

*Treasurer – Raunak Pillai*

- [Gsc\\_cosponsorships@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Gsc_cosponsorships@vanderbilt.edu) as long as entire grad student can access
- Opportunities to receive funding for activities and projects up to \$500
- Visit <https://studentorg.vanderbilt.edu/gsc/cosponsorship/> for more info

*Student Life Liaison – Annika Faucon*

- [gsc@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:gsc@vanderbilt.edu)

*Honor Council – Emma Guiberson (president) and Nabil Saleh (vice president)*

- Looking for two more Core Members
  - Serve on panel hearings / assist procedural requirements
  - Serve until September 1<sup>st</sup> of following year
  - Representation across academic disciplines wanted
  - Appointed by president of Graduate Honor Council
  - Voted in by GSC
- Just want to be involved if a case arises?

- Join our contact list
- Email **emma.r.guiberson@vanderbilt.edu** or **nabil.saleh@vanderbilt.edu**
- Honor council still applies over zoom like with cheating

*Vice President – Carcia Carson*

- Department reps need to email back
- How and where events are being

*Secretary – Sara Melow*

- Register to vote by October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. PLEASE VOTE!
- Free flu shots in the Student Health Center

*Public Relations – Sailee Karkhanis*

- Follow on social media:
  - Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/VandyGSC>
  - Twitter - <https://twitter.com/VandyGSC>
  - Instagram - [vu\\_graduate\\_student\\_council](#)

*Social Affairs – Maddie Johnson and Hannah Stephens*

- [Gsc\\_social@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Gsc_social@vanderbilt.edu)
- Upcoming Virtual Social
  - Date change: October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - Halloween-themed
  - Event will be hosted via [gather.town](#)
  - Grab bags of snacks will be available for pick up the day of the event
    - Sign up to be a part of then you will get this!
  - Prizes to be won!
  - More details to follow
- Vanderbilt still in Phase II+ - events remain virtual
- Geeks who drink hosting trivia/bingo virtually
- Send ideas or requests to:
  - [Madeline.m.johnson@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Madeline.m.johnson@vanderbilt.edu)
  - [Hannah.stephens@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Hannah.stephens@vanderbilt.edu)

*Questions or Concerns*

- Want us to bring up anything to administration, please reach out
- Next meeting is November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Miguel Moravec – investment campaign
  - Majority vote by department reps