

## GSC General Body Meeting Minutes – Dec. 3, 2020

- I. President
  - a. Good luck on finals!
  - b. Meeting with the Graduate Faculty Council next week
    - i. How to help grad students
    - ii. Push legislation through from faculty side
  - c. Search Committee for new Dean of the Graduate School
    - i. Input and feedback from graduate students
  - d. Work with Career Center to improve graduate career services
  - e. Next semester
    - i. Transparency: Work on easy-to-digest info for grad students (health insurance, grad school structure, etc.)
- II. Student Life Liaison
  - a. New and Expecting Parents GSC Group
    - i. Stress management and work/life balance
    - ii. 12:30-2 PM Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. Connect: <https://studentorg.vanderbilt.edu/gsc/new-and-expecting-parents-support-group/>
  - b. Women's Center Parenting Group
    - i. Pandemic Parenting Check-in
    - ii. 12 PM Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. Zoom Registration in the GSC newsletter:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczsh82o71DDyJd1F5R9vasg3L9HN667bERqFT4K8Es3iMuXg/closedform>
- III. Academic Affairs
  - a. Travel Awards
    - i. Now used for virtual conference registration
    - ii. Spread word through department reps
    - iii. Must attend at least one GSC to be eligible
    - iv. <https://studentorg.vanderbilt.edu/gsc/travel-funding-request/>
  - b. 3MT
    - i. March 4, 2021
    - ii. Going ahead with virtual format
    - iii. No questions for student so purely just judging
    - iv. Still searching for judges
      - 1. Any ideas?
      - 2. Faculty members or anyone, alumni, industry since it is virtual
      - 3. Email [Jessica.feller.1@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Jessica.feller.1@vanderbilt.edu) or [Bryant.o.best@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Bryant.o.best@vanderbilt.edu)
- IV. Community Affairs
  - a. Pen Pals

- i. December letters will be honored for grade school students that have sent return letters
          - 1. Reach out to those pairs later
        - ii. Recruiting another school next semester
      - b. Dinner with Doers
        - i. Postponed until later due to holidays and scheduling conflicts (January possibly)
- V. Social Affairs
  - a. Virtual trivia was a hit!
    - i. Over 100 participants
    - ii. Winning teams
      - 1. Quaranteam
      - 2. Periodic Table Dancers
    - iii. Prizes on the way!
  - b. Next social event in January!
  - c. Any ideas? Email: [gsc\\_social@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:gsc_social@vanderbilt.edu)
  - d. Good luck on finals and have a great winter break!
- VI. Public Relations
  - a. Sailee can't attend the GSC executive board meetings this semester
  - b. Please follow, share and like the pages on all the various platforms.
    - i. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VandyGSC>
    - ii. Twitter: <https://twitter.com/VandyGSC>
    - iii. Instagram: vu\_graduate\_student\_council
    - iv. Please tag us in your stories and posts about events!
- VII. Treasurer
  - a. Reviewing budget
    - i. Up to \$500 for your ideas
    - ii. Email: [gsc\\_cosponsorships@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:gsc_cosponsorships@vanderbilt.edu)
    - iii. Visit <https://studentorg.vanderbilt.edu/gsc/cosponsorship/> for more info
- VIII. Secretary
  - a. Send Sara newsletter information (once a month at beginning of month) for anything related to graduate students!
  - b. Email [sara.l.melow@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:sara.l.melow@vanderbilt.edu)
- IX. Honor Council
- X. Vice President
- XI. Questions/Concerns
  - a. If you or friends are not getting the GSC newsletter, please join AnchorLink