

GSC General Body Meeting Minutes – Feb. 4, 2021

I. President

a. Guest speakers

i. Graduate Career Coaches

1. Support student in all facets for career development including career exploration
2. <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/career/about-us/services/>
3. DoreWays – schedule coaching appointment
4. All virtual for this semester
5. To schedule a coaching appt:
<https://www.vanderbilt.edu/career/doreways/>
6. Christina Keeton
 - a. STEM not in BRET/Aspire
 - b. Vandy phd through IGP from Chazin
 - c. Vandy post doc then staff for diversity
 - d. Co-director of summer science academy
7. Kayla Smith
 - a. Humanities and social sciences
 - b. August 2019 for Vandy career services

ii. Stacey Satchell

1. Meeting with students virtually
2. Make appointments on
<https://gradschool.vanderbilt.edu/gradlife/index.php> through online calendaring tool
3. Has several workshops you can sign up for as well
4. Works in collaboration with student care network
5. Can talk to student group or department you would want
6. Questions? stacey.satchell@vanderbilt.edu

iii. UCC reps

1. Tamaki Silver

- a. Licensed psychologist
- b. UCC and BRET liaison
- c. Satellite clinic – specific to BRET students
- d. All on BRET website under mental health resources tabs
- e. <https://medschool.vanderbilt.edu/bret/health-and-wellness/>

2. Cierra Scott

- a. Licensed psychologist and community outreach
- b. <https://gradschool.vanderbilt.edu/gradlife/index.php>
- c. <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/ucc/services>

- d. All services are free except for assessment and testing for learning disabilities/ADHD or medications provided
- e. Uphold confidentiality unless legal reasons – abuse toward children/elders, imminent risk of danger, court-ordered
- f. Primarily telehealth appointments
- g. Individual counseling, group counseling, and other services
- h. Workshop offerings as well for things like skills self-compassion, DBT, student athletes
- i. Consultations and tailored-services
- j. Drop-in consultations
- k. No limitations on sessions!
- l. 615-322-2571 for urgent care/crisis
- m. First step is scheduling appointment with student care network

iv. Student Care Network

1. Elizabeth Boyd

- a. Student health insurance plan
- b. Project manager
- c. <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/studentcarenetwork/your-health-insurance/>
- d. Email SHIP@vanderbilt.edu for questions
- e. As of 2 weeks ago contracted new 3rd party broker for next year
- f. Academic health plans (AHP) start taking over in the summer for preparation of the new year
- g. Better communications and advocating on behalf of students
- h. Gallagher is current broker
- i. UHC decides what to cover
- j. April 2021- extended national emergency, extended free testing policy and free treatment policy for in-network
- k. “People without health insurance or whose insurance does not provide coverage of the vaccine can also get COVID-19 vaccine at no cost” - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, also, AARP: It is established by the CARES act
- l. The Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) currently provides access to COVID-19 testing free of charge as long as the test is ordered by a licensed medical provider and FDA authorized. Free access to testing is currently being offered through April 20, 2021. The Student Health

Insurance Plan (SHIP) also provides access to COVID-19 treatment free of charge from in-network providers through January 31, 2020. Beginning October 22, 2020, the out-of-network deductible and copays will apply for students seeking COVID-19 treatment from out-of-network providers.

2. Jamye Hardy
 - a. <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/carecoordination/>
 - i. Schedule first appointment
 - b. First place to go if you are seeking mental health support at UCC for that as well as other areas impacting overall wellbeing
 - c. Take holistic approach
 - d. [Vanderbilt.edu/studentcarenetwork](https://vanderbilt.edu/studentcarenetwork)
 - e. Virtual meets now
 - f. Financial and transportation support to get to resources
 - g. Mandatory reporting office unlike UCC
 - h. Resources available for each area on wellness wheel
 - i. Finding off-campus provider page from care coordination website → the shrink space
- v. Graduate Workers United
 1. Holly Longair
 2. Looking toward a formal recognized labor union for graduate students vote
 3. Ethan Joll
 4. Continuation of petition for covid
 - a. Transparency
 - b. Healthcare
 - c. Real Choices for Graduate Workers
 - d. Funding Extensions and Technology Support
 - e. Mental Health Services–Upholding the Mental Health Bill of Rights
 5. Link to full petition to read and sign if you want - <https://vandygwu.com/vgwu-list-of-demands-for-the-spring-2021-semester/>
 6. Provide info for what a union can do
 7. General membership meeting – Feb. 24th at 5 PM, talking about constitution
 8. Twitter: <https://twitter.com/vandygradunion?lang=en>
 9. Email: vandygraduateworkers@gmail.com

- 10. Web: vandygwu.com
 - 11. Insta: <https://www.instagram.com/vandygradunion/?hl=en>
 - 12. Feb. 5th – social, play among us,
 - 13. Interest survey to be filled out, Interest Survey:
<https://forms.gle/6mDkkJmytJcRiTPQ7>
- b. Begin work with the new Vice-Provost, Dean of the Graduate School
 - i. Andre Christie-Mizell
 - ii. Excited to be working with him
 - iii. Josh meeting with him to advocate for grad students especially during pandemic
 - c. Continue advocating for grad student needs during the pandemic
 - d. Improve awareness of resources available through the Graduate School
 - e. Examine grad student mentorship
 - f. Student Services Fees will come out soon
- II. Student Life Liaison
- a. Center for Student Wellbeing Workshops
 - i. Several workshops this semester, held virtually
 - ii. Visit vanderbi.lt/cswworkshops for details
 - iii. @vandywellbeing on Instagram
 - iv. Vanderbilt.edu/healthydores
 - b. Women’s Center Parenting Group
 - i. Workshops – 12-1 PM CT
 - 1. Feb. 18th – Kids and Neurodiversity
 - 2. March 18th – Fav Children’s books
 - 3. April 15th – kids and boundaries
 - ii. Email womenctr@vanderbilt.edu for questions
 - c. Money Mondays
 - i. Personal finance series of seminars
 - ii. 2nd Monday of the month 4-5:30 PM
 - iii. <https://gradschool.vanderbilt.edu/gli/2021/01/13/money-mondays/>
- III. Academic Affairs
- a. Travel Awards
 - i. Now used for virtual conference registration
 - ii. Must attend at least one GSC event to be eligible
 - iii. <https://studentorg.vanderbilt.edu/gsc/travel-funding-request/>
 - b. 3MT
 - i. March 4, 2021 at 9 AM (end time TBD depending on participants)
 - ii. Virtual format
 - iii. Prizes! (1st place: \$1000)
 - iv. Sign up!
 - v. Registration deadline: Feb. 11th
 - 1. Register at: <https://studentorg.vanderbilt.edu/gsc/3mt/>

- vi. Questions?
 1. Email Jessica.feller.1@vanderbilt.edu or Bryant.o.best@vanderbilt.edu
 2. Department reps – please send to main person with departmental listserv
- IV. Community Affairs
 - a. Pen Pals
 - i. Made contact with Hillsboro High School
 - ii. No return letters because of pandemic from middle school from last semester
 - b. Spring Dinner with Doers
 - i. Invited guest: Travis Claybrooks of the Raphah Institute
 1. Nonprofit that facilitates. Restorative and collaborative justice in Nashville community
 - ii. Date and time TBD based on availability – keep an eye for update email if you signed up last semester
 - iii. Food option available
 - c. YWCA’s Weaver Domestic Violence Virtual Food Drive
 - i. Amazon Wishlist drive
 - ii. Feb. 15th – March 31st
 - iii. Sent out in newsletter
- V. Social Affairs
 - a. Virtual trivia again!
 - i. Geeks Who Drink
 - ii. Feb 11 at 7 PM
 - iii. Prizes for top 4 teams
 - iv. Sign up at bit.ly/gscstrivia
 - v. Sign up as a team of 4-6 or as an individual
 - b. Any ideas? Email: gsc_social@vanderbilt.edu
- VI. Public Relations
 - a. 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](https://www.instagram.com/vu_graduate_student_council)
 - iv. Please tag us in your stories and posts about events!
- VII. Treasurer
 - a. Co-sponsorship Requests
 - i. Up to \$500 for your ideas
 - ii. Email: gsc_cosponsorships@vanderbilt.edu
 - iii. Visit <https://studentorg.vanderbilt.edu/gsc/cosponsorship/> for more info
- VIII. Secretary

- a. Email Sara (sara.l.melow@vanderbilt.edu) newsletter information (once a month at beginning of month) for anything related to graduate students!
- IX. Honor Council
 - a. Nothing to report
- X. Vice President
 - a. Sent out email to department reps with list of grad student associations with emails for person to contact
- XI. Questions/Concerns
 - a. Feel free to email at gsc@vanderbilt.edu