



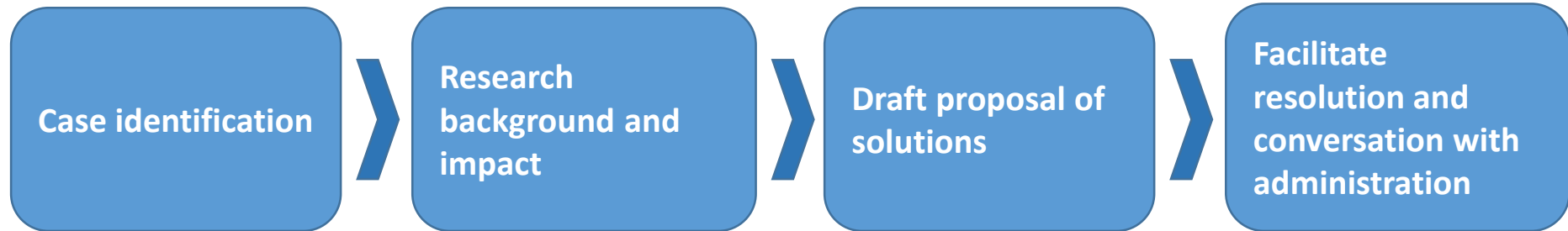
# Student Life Liaison

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# Our Student Advocacy Process:



# Graduate Student Representation



- Student Advocacy Committee  
*Erica Shannon (chair), Thomas Moore, Elizabeth Barna, Sarah Nelson, Rohit Venkat, Scotti Norman, Karen Trochez*

- Stipend Committee  
*Chelsea Peters, Kofi Christie, Erica Shannon*



- Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Committee  
*Richard Blissett (chair), Keisha Hardeman, Stacey Houston II, Leah Lomotey-Nakon, Alison Lutz, RJ Robles, Ariel Smith, Bailey Via*



- Student Health Insurance Working Group  
*Ashleigh Hope*
- Graduate Student Housing Focus Group

- Traffic and Parking Committee  
*Erica Shannon*

- Community Oriented Result and Expectation Committee  
*Allison Quintanilla*

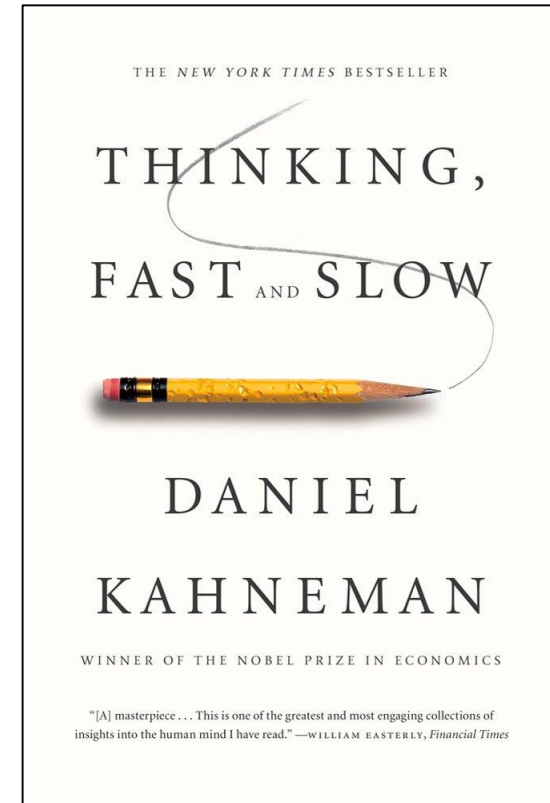
- Center for Student Wellbeing Committee

- Sexual Assault Task Force

- Survey Analysis Working Group  
*Lucy D'Agostino McGowan, Rebecca Levinson, Erica Shannon*

# Cool things going on...

- Graduate School Newsletter!
- Work/Life balance newsletters!
- Thinking Fast and Slow discussions!



# Ongoing Cases and Projects

- Stipends in Engineering

- We had a productive meeting with Duco Jansen and Dean Wallace
- We are optimistic regarding this outcome

- Clarification of dismissal protocols

- Committee is forming recommendations for administration now

- Survey Analysis – ongoing



# Graduate Student Housing

My unofficial opinion is...

....that sometime in the future we will get graduate student housing!



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# Life Coach



- University hopes to hire a Life Coach for graduate students within the next few months!
- Role of Life Coach will probably overlap with career counseling and PCC
- Will probably have offices in Eskind and Center for Student Wellbeing so they are close to all students on campus



# Ombudsman status



- Graduate School is on board
- We can push to get our own graduate specific ombudsman
- Need a proposal so admin knows what we want
  - Needs of students?
  - Resource requirements for ombudsman?
  - What space would we like an ombudsman in?



**Volunteers Needed!!!**



# Endowment for Graduate Education and Research

- A **\$300,000,000** endowment has been set aside for Graduate Education and Research
- Graduate Students can write proposals suggesting how the funds be used
  - Proposals should be professional and compelling
  - Ex) grad student fellowships, create a common social area, promote interdisciplinary degrees
- Lucy and I have been appointed to oversee proposals submitted to the graduate school



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## Want to write a proposal?





# Open Forum

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