Student Life Liaison
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Our Student Advocacy Process:

1. Case identification
2. Research background and impact
3. Draft proposal of solutions
4. Facilitate resolution and conversation with administration
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

Graduate Student Council • General Body Meeting
Ongoing Cases and Projects

- Stipends in Engineering
  - Success!!

- Ombudsman Proposal
  - Writing template

- Endowment Funds Proposals
  - Writing template

- Clarification of dismissal protocols
  - Committee is forming recommendations for administration now

- Survey Analysis
  - Ongoing
Stipends in Engineering

• New policy – everyone will get at least $28,200

• Thank you Dean Wallace, Dean Jansen, and Chelsea Peters!

• Used data collected from Survey and narratives from current grad students to argue for changes

• Low turnout at stipends town hall to discuss changes, but town hall was very informative
Ombudsman status

• Graduate School is on board
• Working with TJ (Woot!)

**Action Plan:**

• Currently, we have ideas for proposal template
• We need to meet to solidify the proposal template

• Currently, we have general information for how to create this position
• We need to meet to discuss how to apply this general information to Vanderbilt

http://www.ombudsassociation.org/
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.
Endowment for Graduate Education and Research

Action Plan:
• Currently working on proposal template
• Will send survey to all grad students to identify those who have ideas and want to write a proposal
• Will create google documents for proposals so all students can see proposal and make suggestions
• Proposals will be reviewed by committee of department reps
Open Forum

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