



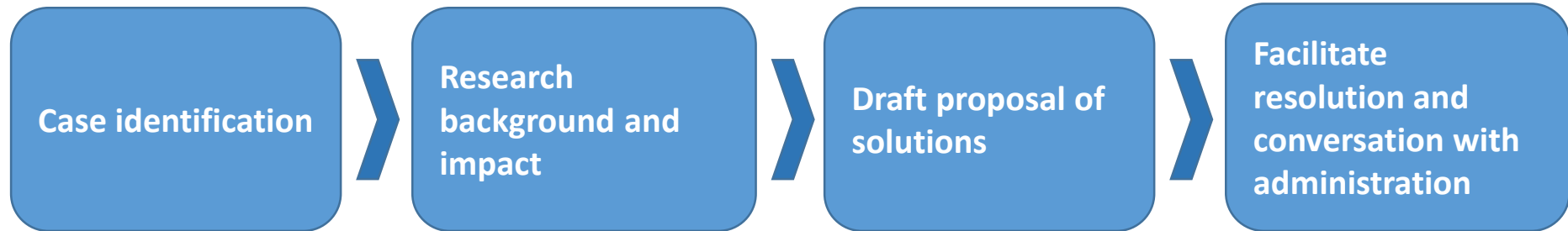
# Student Life Liaison

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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*

# 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

Emojipedia.com

- 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

<http://www.ombudsassociation.org/>

- 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



# Endowment for Graduate Education and Research

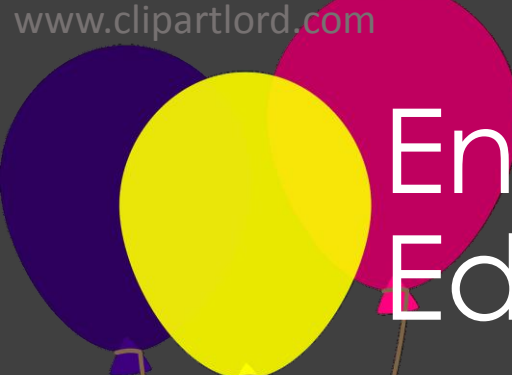
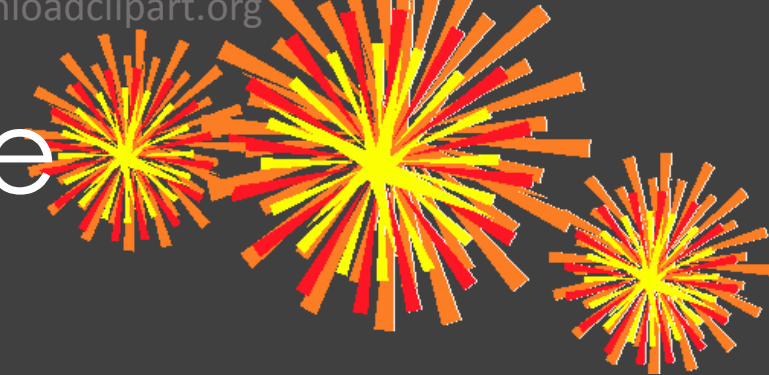
- A **\$300,000,000** endowment has been set aside for Graduate Education and Research
- Graduate Students can write proposals suggesting how the funds be used
  - Proposals should be professional and compelling
  - Ex) grad student fellowships, create a common social area, promote interdisciplinary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



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# 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



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# Open Forum

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