**GSC gbm meeting minutes 12/7**

Academic

-4 travel grants have been awarded

-please keep applying

-looking for people to apply for 3MT committee

-looking for 6 volunteers, email at [gsc\_academic@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:gsc_academic@vanderbilt.edu) if youre interested

Community affairs

Pen pals with a purpose

-handing out first round of letters to middle school tonight

Caroling

-two rehearsals, one more planned

-two street caroling performances

Last call for book donations for Hurricane victims

-MRB U7217 cardboard for donation

Call for Ideas for community service projects

Honor council

-still looking for volunteers, please email Katy: [Kathleen.n.zimmerman@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Kathleen.n.zimmerman@vanderbilt.edu)

Student Life

Need volunteers for grad school resource guidebook

-i.e. TA/RA, travel policies, stipends, more on the website

-want it live on grad school website April 2018

AcFee committee

-previously all student orgs were grouped together and undergrad committee reviewed it and made decisions

-conflict of interest asking undergrads for funding (i.e. TA)

-new committee will decide funding for grad school organizations

-need volunteers to help with committee: no prior knowledge is needed

Mental Health Bill of Rights

-10 student committee that has been working on BoR and constantly been revising it

-Understand that this document is going to be amended, and will go under more revisions with administration and students

Up/down vote on BoR:

-we are not voting on the exact wording of the document, instead:

-endorsing the principle that Vandy grad students have access to mental health

-authorizing GSC to approach administration

Committee will meet with Dean Wallace, Mark Bandas, and Cynthis Cyrus on Dec. 18th

-Administration has been receptive

-Cynthia Cyrus would like to meet more, Chancellor would like to work

Questions from general body

What did the administration not like?

-hesitation on actual concept of BoR due to potential legal ramifications

Will proposed revisions from administration come back to general body?

-yes, committee wants to make this process as transparent as possible

-please keep posting feedback on website, they have been incorporated

Are you anticipating any changes to the document from now until Dec. 18th?

-minor changes to document, but the character and content that is posted will remain the same

-changes include areas where it reads as if ideas are not as a right, so we want to emphasize that

Is there a vague timeline on adoption?

-no specific timeline, but if a student has a specific issue, please reach out to Chelsea so she can get you immediate help

-priority of committee is to move this process as quickly as possible

What’s on the table? What’s non-negotiable?

-we will talk to administration and receive their response, and then come back to general body to decide how to move forward

Will the final version be announced publicly before meeting with administration?

-this is the conversation being started right now

-this document will say draft, but it represents the interest of the GSC

-every update will be posted on GSC websites

How does administration communication work? Are they meeting like we are?

-we’re not sure exactly how it’s going down but there is conversation

-as committee hears about mixed messages, they make sure to clear it up

What happens if we hit a wall/things go south? How will we be updated?

-currently, we have been using email, newsletters, website, and town halls

-moving forward, we will send out emails updating students on progress and having more town halls and ad-hoc meetings

BoR committee meets every Wednesday morning 8am-9am in Sarratt 361 if you would like to join

Vote Results

Yay: 29

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1