**General body meeting Minutes 2/1**

Academic

 3MT is coming up in Friday, March 23rd 9-3

-looking for help: gift, application, outreach, and volunteer calendar

-other low key volunteer is registration and ushers

Community Affairs

Pen pals with a purpose, if you’re interested email gsc\_community@vanderbilt.edu

Valentines gift bags for childrens hospital

 -putting together bags and eating pizza

Shade tree trot/Earth Day

 -looking for events to hold during that time, please email if you have any ideas

Honor Council

-looking for volunteers, email Katie at kathleen.n.zimmerman@vanderbilt.edu

Organization Presentations

Student Health Insurance Plan Committee

 -representatives from undergrad, grad, Wallace, and health center

 -if you want more info, check the advocacy page and scroll down

3 Pricing groups

 -undergraduate, international undergrads, and grad (international and grad)

We currently work with Gallagher on 3 year cycles – our ends at the end of the academic year

 -our premium has been rising every year

Graduate Students used a lot of insurance, to the point where the undergrads are actually subsidizing us because they do not use as much of the plan

 -Grad utilization rate: over 80%

Mental Health utilization: 16% of total charges were out of network in 2016/2017

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please email amy.r.shaw@vanderbilt.edu

Search for the new Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences

-one grad student representative: Jennifer.j.coppola@vanderbilt.edu

-email her if you have recommendations, questions, or concerns regarding the new Dean

Leadership Institute Aims

-aim of institute is to provide leadership training

-looking to have 2 full time employees starting this summer

-will have a fellowship project including a capstone project working with the Nashville community

-emphasis on mentorship (improving current relations, as well as preparing students to serve as mentors

-potential for shadowing of administrators and Nashville politicians

-if you have any ideas, for how this should look like, please email Chelsea

Center for Teaching is hiring!

-Graduate Teaching Fellows

 -start in July-June and will work for 12 months

 -26k stipend on top of whatever you might have

 -4 positions

-Teaching affiliates

 -targeted towards people who can’t go the whole year

 -help with the summer (August) orientation for TAs

 -1k stipend

 -10 positions

Certificate in College Teaching Facilitator

 -facilitate certificate program

 -6-8 weeks per semester for 2 semesters

 -3k total stipend

 -2 positions

-all applications due February 21st, 2018, go on website to apply: cft.vanderbilt.edu

-for more questions, please email ryan.s.bowen@vanderbilt.edu

Career Development

AAAS CASE workshop – applications due Monday Feb 5th for social science and stem

Upcoming events

Imagine PhD

Interviewing Skills

ASPIRE to connect

 -coming up in March

 -fully cross-disciplinary

LinkedIn is your friend

Graduate School Newsletter

 -want to make it more like an announcement list

 -want grad students to see more of the great events

 -name change? Or ideas on different ways to receive info?

 -email Ruth Schemmer

 -might try to use Google calendar: will follow with updates

If you are a graduate student organization, and you would like to apply for AcFee funding, please email gsc@vanderbilt.edu

 -AcFee is the student fee that we all pay per term

 -Once a year application

Student Life

Student Advocacy Process

 -case identification

 -research background

Grad Student Representation across campus in many committees and groups

 -Graduate diversity inclusion

 -student health insurance

 -mental health bill of rights

 Childcare/travel funding

 -looking for volunteers

 AcFee committee

 -looking for volunteers

 Graduate School Resource Guidebook

 -a resource for everything related to grad students, will be in conjunction with grad school handbook

 -target date is april 2018

 -if you have any ideas about what to add, or would like to help out, please email Chelsea

Mental Health Bill of Rights

 -Dec. 18th MHBoR committee met with Dean Wallace and Provost Cyrus for feedback and support

 -they support the sentiment of the document, but there are concerns about

some points

-document has been sent to office of General Counsel, and will get feedback by

tonight!

-reached out to VSG and Peabody, looking to get feedback from other professional schools

-For PCC to become UCC, there has to be a huge transfer of medical data: look out for information in emails on that

Grievances and Complaints

 -complaint procedure: file within 6 months to person responsible

 -if not resolved, appeal through proper administrative channels (advisor🡪 DGS🡪department head)

 -if that doesn’t work, you submit it to the office of the chancellor, where it will viewed by the faculty senate

 -they draft a report and make a recommendation to the chancellor, who then has the ability to follow recommendations or make his own choice