

Graduate Student Council

General Body Meeting Minutes

06 September 2018
Alumni Hall #201
6-7 PM

New Business:

Good News

Introductions

- Graduate Student Life Coach – Stacy Satchell
 - Built for graduate students
 - Conflict resolution, mediation, etc.
 - Cards with contact information – can make appointments
 - Weekly coffee house on Thursdays in Alumni Hall 1st floor
 - Peak performance workshop series – collaboration with UCC
- University Committees
 - Traffic and Parking
 - CORE
 - SHIP
 - Need international student
 - Dockless Education Outreach Group (bike/scooter management)
 - Appellate Review Board
- Alumni Hall Updates
 - 1st floor – graduate student hub
 - Upcoming: renovations to the 1st floor lounge space
 - Graduate student event? Host in Alumni Hall!
- Social Committee
 - Goal: doing fun things for graduate students
 - New board games available for social events
 - Welcome Back Social
 - Record attendance!
 - Open call for ideas!
 - Upcoming events:
 - Football tailgates
 - In VandyVille (Natchez Trace to Stadium area)
 - Board Game Night
 - End of September
 - Halloween Party
 - October 26th?

- Academic Affairs Committee
 - 3 minute thesis (3MT)
 - March 29th, 2019?
 - Travel Awards
 - Collaboration with Wond'ry
 - Interdisciplinary Research Sharing Platform (in progress: see Jack Ding)
- Community Affairs Committee
 - Interface graduate students with community
 - Events:
 - Pen Pals with a Purpose
 - Foster relationships with middle schoolers to promote higher education
 - Fall Voter Registration Event
 - End of September
 - Call for ideas
- Treasury
 - Co-sponsorships
 - Ideas – Provide up to \$500
 - I.e. symposiums, speakers, service, charity
 - AcFee Committee
 - Call for volunteers in future
 - Includes professional students
 - Got 2x more funding for AY2016-2017 to AY 2018-2019
 - Vanderbilt Programming Board
 - Need graduate student representation
 - Call for volunteers in future
- Meet new people
- Ruth Schemmer (Assistant Dean for Career Development & GSC Co-advisor)
 - Will transition out when Irene returns from maternity leave
- Irene Wallrich (Program Coordinator & GSC Co-advisor)
 - Will become full time advisor in Spring 2019
- Student Life Liaison – Peer Advocate
 - Advocacy Process
 - Identify case and concern
 - Research case background
 - Suggest solutions
 - Facilitate resolution and see concern to conclusion
 - Mental Health and Wellness
 - Mental Health Bill of Rights and Responsibilities (MHBoR&R)
 - Draft currently on website
 - Previous meeting – Friday, August 31st
 - Next meeting - TBD
 - Will vote on support for draft at October General Body Meeting

- Healthy mentor relationships; Resources and survey
- Student Care Network
- Graduate Student Concerns
 - Travel funding for childcare and dependent care
 - Not currently covered by VU funding
 - Improving grievance process
- Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - Holistic admissions by eliminating GRE
 - Recruitment and inclusion strategies for small departments

Announcements

→ Please send announcements to email listed in Newsletter

- Change to faculty handbook on faculty/student relationships
 - Meetings and Email available via katerina.traut@vanderbilt.edu
 - Interdepartmental relationships are alright
 - Intradepartmental are not
 - Is this something we support as a graduate student body?