

Graduate Student Council

Meeting Minutes

4 October 2018
Alumni Hall #010
6-7 PM

President – Mary Lauren Benton

- Committees:
 - o Traffic & Parking Committee
 - o Community Oriented Results and Expectations (CORE)
 - o Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) - **FULL**
 - o Dockless Education Working Group
 - o Focus group for graduate student spaces (**Oct 10th**)

David Wright – Dean of Arts and Sciences

- Lots of money (\$75 million) going into University core
- Graduate student spaces: 6- to 8-month master plan (+ bids)
 - o Participate in conversation
 - o Integrate into daily academic life
 - o Completely renovate
 - Graduate reading room
 - “Cages”
 - o Touchdown spaces
 - Lock up items, between sessions
 - o Collaborative space
 - Design/videography
 - Currently very small portion of space available
- Graduate student relocation

Ciera Scott – University Counseling Center (UCC)

- Student Care Network - Gateway
 - o UCC
 - Location: across from Baker Building (West End Ave. and 21st Ave.)
 - Under Dean of Students (DOS)
 - Previous PCC – used to be under VUMC
 - How to schedule?
 - Call OR
 - Go into office in person OR
 - Intake form
 - Services:
 - 1-1: focused

- Groups:
 - o Graduate process groups
 - o Continuum (LGBTQ)
 - o Women
 - o Grief
 - o DBT (skills building) - mindfulness
 - o Undergraduate process groups
 - Workshops:
 - o With Graduate Life Coach (Stacy Satchell)
 - Let's talk:
 - o 15 to 20-minute meeting with counselor
 - o Locations: Sarratt | Divinity | Eskind | OACC
 - Crisis Care:
 - o Available weekday during work hours
 - Time effective model
 - different timeline for current therapeutic goals
 - Different for each case
 - Question: Length of session review process?
 - Determined by clinical review
 - Question: Transitions after therapy?
 - Not a 1-session conversation
 - Connection to office of student care coordination
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- o Center for Student Wellbeing
 - o Health Center

Kelsea Best – Student Life Liaison

- Hardship fund:
 - o Letter of Support for Dean Wallace
 - o Mentorship Relationships Survey
 - Volunteers: looking for diverse group
 - Early year students, international students, etc.
 - Identify problematic departments and target for training
 - o Graduate student travel funding for child care
 - No updates yet – building off faculty effort
 - o Grievance process
 - Make the process more transparent
 - Graduate school currently not included
 - Would like for them to be included as advocates
 - o Mental Health Bill of Rights and Responsibilities
 - VOTE:
 - Yes: 26
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0

Kate Snyder – Inclusivity in Biosciences Association

- Informational Meeting on October 5th (4-5PM)
- MRB III Room U8202
- Free pizza/drinks
- Twitter: @iba_vu
- Email: iba@vanderbilt.edu
- Goals:
- Comment: sponsorship opportunities! See Chris Taisich

Community Affairs Committee

- Voter registration event
 - Monday, 10/1/2018
 - Deadline: 10/9/2018
- Pen pals with a purpose
 - Outreach event
 - Letters to middle school students about life in higher education and draw interest
 - Need more volunteers!

Academic Affairs Committee

- 3-minute thesis (3MT): March 29th, 2019
 - Keynote speaker: AAAS CEO
 - Judges from local community
 - 3MT planning committee:
 - Advertising across campus
 - Email upcoming
 - Use Wond'ry space as part of event
 - Other initiatives:
 - Departmental 3MT:
 - Encourage departments across campus to make own version and participate
 - Biweekly brownbag lunch:
 - Formal email upcoming

Social Affairs Committee

- GSC tailgates
 - 3 more games:
 - 10/13, 10/20, 11/
- Halloween Party
 - Tentative date: October 26th

- o Costume contest with prizes
- o Volunteers needed

Questions, Comments, Concerns:

- Graduate students not getting paid – why?
 - o System glitches in Oracle
 - o GSC will keep an eye on situation