

# Graduate Student Council

## *General Body Meeting Minutes*

10 January 2019  
Alumni Hall #201  
6-7 PM

### *President – Mary Lauren Benton*

- Halloween Social Lost Items – see Mary Lauren
- Alumni Hall renovations
- Newsletter – email [gsc@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:gsc@vanderbilt.edu) if you don't receive it

### *Laura Walaszek Dermody, PhD*

- Director of Assessment and Special Projects, DOS
- Leader of Survey for Sexual Assault on campus – launches Feb 1<sup>st</sup>
- Survey for Sexual Assault on campus
  - Works with Project Safe
  - Like 2015 one – to all students on campus
  - Modeled on White House survey from several years ago
  - Data matters – budget & programming
    - Regardless of gender
    - Use experiences
- AACU – American Association of Colleges and Universities
  - 1 of 33 universities across the country
  - Distributed through **Westat** (3<sup>rd</sup> party affiliate)
- Open for 30 days
- Please send out to constituents on social media
- **“2019 Campus Climate Survey” Title**
- From **Provost Wente** + pre-Announcement

### *Student Life Liaison - Kelsea Best*

- Alumni Hall Renovation
  - 1<sup>st</sup> step: Furniture delivered for graduate student lounge
    - Next: TV, coffee machine, etc.
  - Access to graduate student orgs for events, etc.
- Mentorship Survey
  - Could still use volunteers
  - Pilot survey to be sent out in March
  - IRB approval soon
- Grievance Process

- o Infographic made – included in NEW Graduate Student Resource Guide
- o Graduate Student Resource Guide – use for 2018-2019
- Mental Health Bill of Rights
  - o It passed!
  - o Will put on GSC, OSCC, UCC websites
  - o Has been very impactful
- Taxes and Finance Workshops – Emily Roberts, PhD
  - o Jan 22 - Taxes
  - o Jan 24 – Personal Finance

*Treasury - Chris Taisch*

- AcFee – \$1.8 million, \$60k to graduate students
  - o Basically “tax” for promoting campus community, gym fees, events, etc.
  - o Vanderbilt Programming Board uses this
  - o Students have access if part of registered student organization (RSO)
  - o Applications open Mid-January
  - o Deadline to apply is March 14
  - o Interviews to follow
  - o Graduate students now review applications
  - o For next (2018-2019) academic year
- Email Chris or [gsc\\_acfee@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:gsc_acfee@vanderbilt.edu) with questions
- GSC reps
  - o Medical, Peabody have reps
  - o Owen, Law, Nursing - no reps yet

*Academic Affairs Committee – Ian Setliff and Jack Ding*

- 3 minute thesis (3MT)
  - o March 29, 2019
  - o Keynote: Kei Koizumi
  - o Looking for volunteers
    - Judge recruitment
    - Application coordination
- Practice presentation workshops
  - o At least 2
    - 1 run by writing center
  - o Look for the February newsletter

*Questions, Comments, Concerns:*

N/A