Graduate Student Council  
General Body Meeting Minutes  

1 October 2020  
Zoom  
6-7 PM  

President – Josh Passantino  
- Welcome  
- Good news  

Turner Family Center – Hannah Turnbull and Kathleen Hritz  
- Interdisciplinary, student-led organization committed to developing socially and environmentally conscious leaders and doers  
- Pillars  
  - Interdisciplinary  
  - Student-led  
  - Social impact  
  - Market forces and enterprise  
- Responsible for all Vanderbilt graduate schools  
- Offerings  
  - Case competitions  
  - Project pyramid  
  - Treks  
  - Lunch and learn  
  - Speakers  
  - Miint  
  - Social enterprise consulting  
  - Social impact certificate – brand new!  
  - Emerging impact leaders  
  - Net impact  
  - Office hours  
  - Career development  
  - Summer fellowships  
  - Annual social ventures summit  
  - 100% Owen  
  - Board fellows  

- Join the mailing list here:  
  https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPkJwucT0X6ZfJZ-FRSZCjaohtOCuEuRPf_J2NG8YQ4NeQ/viewform  
- Hult case competition  
  - Social enterprise to address challenge – food for good
• Social ventures summit – Jan. 2021 – discuss social enterprise, careers, social problems and how to address
• Social enterprise consulting – spring program – matches students with social enterprises
• Project pyramid – experiential learning course on global consulting for social enterprises in classroom and field
• Student leadership opportunities
  o Large board and committee structure
  • Hannah.g.turnbull@vanderbilt.edu
  • Turnerfamilycenter@vanderbilt.edu
  • Vanderbilttfc on Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn
  • https://turnerfamilycenter.com

Representatives from campus libraries – Melissa Mallon and Andy Wesolek
  • andrew.j.wesolek@vanderbilt.edu & melissa.mallon@vanderbilt.edu
  • DISc
  • Media and publishing
  • Digital collection building
  • Copyright issues
  • Consultation and project support
  • Workshops/trainings
  • Workshop series
    o Digital literacies Thursday at 1
    o Research productivity Tuesdays at 1
  • Vanderbilt.lit/digitallit or vanderbilt.lit/researchproductivity
  • Virtual workshop series for semester long training for introductory things
    o R
    o Python
    o GitHub
  • Other training needs?
    o disc@vanderbilt.edu
    o schedules and office hours for this: library.vanderbilt.edu/disc
  • vanderbilt.lit/librarians
    o Librarians by subject
    o Book an individual consult
    o Live chat with a librarian
  • library.vanderbilt.edu/ask
    o fill out form with more information
  • quiet space for online classes and studying
    o study rooms/carrels – under services on website
    o first come first serve
    o must use headphones
    o central/divinity libraries have least restrictions so best options

Graduate Life Coach – Stacey Satchell
• Stacey.satchell@vanderbilt.edu, @VUGradLife, Alumni Hall 010, https://gradschool.vanderbilt.edu/gradlife/index.php
  o Individual coaching and group programming
  o Navigating academic relationships
  o Advocates for graduate student needs within the university
  o Psychology of peak performance workshop series and critical conversations
    workshop series you can sign up for Fall 2020 on Fridays 12-1 PM
• Can book appointment on her website
• Appointment topics
  o Career progression
  o Student of concern
  o Health and wellbeing
  o Peer relationships
  o Evaluative relationships
  o Academic progression
• Programming
  o Demystifying taxes for grad students and postdocs
  o The grad student and postdoc’s guide to personal finance
  o Collaborative communication postponed until Feb. 2021
  o PowerPlay may be postponed until spring 2021
• Student of concern flowchart:
• Help her get word out
• Invite her to talk at any student group you would like!

President – Josh Passantino
• Listening sessions for the new Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the
  Graduate School will be held within the next two weeks
• Grad student lounge in alumni Hall is being used for grad student COVID testing and
  will eventually be accessible only to grad students
• Plan to vote in Tennessee and have to fill out and turn in the registration application, you
  must do that 30 days before the election (Nov. 3rd)

Academic Affairs – Bryant Best and Jessica Feller
• Gsc_academic@vanderbilt.edu
• 3 Minute Thesis
  o March 4, 2021
  o Likely virtual event
  o Currently looking for judges so please suggest; can be anyone from around the
    world since it will be virtual
• Email Jessica.feller.1@vanderbilt.edu or Bryant.o.best@vanderbilt.edu with ideas
• Graduate student travel funds
  o Recently received approval to support virtual registration costs through our travel
    funds
  o Reimbursable travel must still comply with all previous guidelines
  o Attend 1 social event (like a GBM) in order to do this
Community Affairs – Alexandra Abu-Shmais and Dora Adobo

- Gsc_community@vanderbilt.edu
- Pen Pals with a Purpose
  - Virtual letter exchange with middle schoolers and grad students
  - Email them or join anchor link if you are interested though they have enough grad students now so you would be put on waitlist once more middle schoolers join
  - Received email about student pair this week
  - Grad students letters by Oct. 9th, 2020
  - Return letters by Oct. 19th.
  - Rolling admission
- Dinners with community leaders
  - 1 event this semester in late October/early November
  - Womens empowerment
  - Plan to invite everyone that did an interest form
  - More details to come
  - Is there someone in the community you want? Email them!
- Peer Accountability Collaborative Experience (P.A.C.E.) –
  - Purpose: fortify the Vanderbilt graduate community through support, discussion, collaboration, and accountability across schools and programs
  - Low-stakes/high-value opportunity for connection
  - Semester-long commitment with rolling admissions
  - Workshops on SMART goals, achievement, boundaries, priorities, and more with Stacey Satchell
  - Vandy.pace@gmail.com
  - 1st pace workshop: Oct. 5th
    - Stacey Satchell: how to balance your work, life, and career: productivity and time management

Treasurer – Raunak Pillai

- Gsc_cosponsorships@vanderbilt.edu as long as entire grad student can access
- Opportunities to receive funding for activities and projects up to $500
- Visit https://studentorg.vanderbilt.edu/gsc/cosponsorship/ for more info

Student Life Liaison – Annika Faucon

- gsc@vanderbilt.edu

Honor Council – Emma Guiberson (president) and Nabil Saleh (vice president)

- Looking for two more Core Members
  - Serve on panel hearings / assist procedural requirements
  - Serve until September 1st of following year
  - Representation across academic disciplines wanted
  - Appointed by president of Graduate Honor Council
  - Voted in by GSC
- Just want to be involved if a case arises?
Join our contact list
- Email emma.r.guiberson@vanderbilt.edu or nabil.saleh@vanderbilt.edu
- Honor council still applies over zoom like with cheating

Vice President – Garcia Carson
- Department reps need to email back
- How and where events are being

Secretary – Sara Melow
- Register to vote by October 5th, 2020. PLEASE VOTE!
- Free flu shots in the Student Health Center

Public Relations – Sailee Karkhanis
- Follow on social media:
  - Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/VandyGSC
  - Twitter - https://twitter.com/VandyGSC
  - Instagram - vu_graduate_student_council

Social Affairs – Maddie Johnson and Hannah Stephens
- Gsc_social@vanderbilt.edu
- Upcoming Virtual Social
  - Date change: October 28th, 2020
  - Halloween-themed
  - Event will be hosted via gather.town
  - Grab bags of snacks will be available for pick up the day of the event
    - Sign up to be a part of then you will get this!
    - Prizes to be won!
    - More details to follow
- Vanderbilt still in Phase II+ - events remain virtual
- Geeks who drink hosting trivia/bingo virtually
- Send ideas or requests to:
  - Madeline.m.johnson@vanderbilt.edu
  - Hannah.stephens@vanderbilt.edu

Questions or Concerns
- Want us to bring up anything to administration, please reach out
- Next meeting is November 5th, 2020
- Miguel Moravec – investment campaign
  - Majority vote by department reps