I. President
   a. Search for Dean/New Provost of Grad School
      i. Should be announced before the end of the calendar year
   b. Administration is aware of concerns revolving around Thanksgiving and the quarantine requirements by some departments
   c. Student health insurance covers COVID-19 testing from any medical provider through Jan. 20, 2021
      i. Covers COVID-19 treatment from in-network providers through December 31, 2020; deductible and co-pay required for out of network
      ii. COVID-19 digital townhall with Graduate Workers United on Nov. 18th 6-7:30 PM. If interested, email vandygraduatemembers@gmail.com
   d. Guest Speakers at GBM
      i. NAGPS – National Association of Graduate-Professional Students
         1. Brad Sommer
            a. Student-run and directed non-profit – members all over the country
            b. Deals with higher education issues and policy
            c. Build resources for grad students
            d. Benefits – car rental, insurance, apps, member benefit portal
            e. Resources from other schools as well
            f. Membership packet to be distributed later
            g. Access benefits – by using code or use Vandy email to log in
            h. president@nagps.org if you want to contact Brad
      i. National and regional board positions available
      ii. Undergrad immersion program
         a. Carolyn Floyd – Carolyn.floyd@vanderbilt.edu
         b. https://vanderbilt.edu/immersion/
         c. Can follow up with her later if you want
         d. Undergrad degree requirement
         e. Must have immersion faculty advisor for the project
         f. Takes students out of classroom to incorporate experiential learning like research
         g. Portal for immersion on homepage, opportunities database, job board for the undergrads to join grad students in what you need help with
         h. http://vanderbilt.edu/immersion-opportunity-proposal
i. Student group – Vanderbilt undergrad research journal is being brought back, publish this year, want grad student mentors, experience running journal, how to review articles,
   i. If interested, email Carolyn!
j. Graduate student involvement – mentorship
k. Lack of engineering on grad student panel – help undergrads understand research in stem. If interested, email her!

iii. Miguel Moravec, Brad Davidson, and Natalie Pak
   1. Resolution on sustainable investments at Vanderbilt
   2. Divest in fossil fuels
   3. Hotter, wetter, extreme weather, resource threats – global warming
   4. ~$300,000,000 invested in natural resources including oil and gas for Vandy
   5. Nature communications – Nashville in 2080 will be 14 degrees hotter, 23% rainier and we will be like Mobile, Alabama
   6. Vandy divests from “Land Grab” in Africa
   7. Likely will not suffer from divestment and could profit from reinvestment
   8. A lot of university and abroad committed to full divestment and partial divestment
      a. University of California, Cornell, Boston, Yale, Columbia, Stanford
   9. +$11,000,000,000,000 divested previously
10. 800 students agree that Vandy should Divest Fossil Fuels (Divest VU)
11. Faculty, alumni, and undergrad governing body are on board as well
12. Undergrad gov’t passed two bills unanimously supporting fossil fuels divestment
13. Non-binding resolution and nearly carbon copy of the undergrad gov’t body
14. Resolution
   a. Freeze new fossil fuel investments
   b. Divest existing f.f. investments
   c. Reinvest in renewables
   d. Recognizes Fossil Free SEC and DivestVU
   e. No carbon offsets
15. Questions? Email them.
16. Send out vote later on this week to voting members (GSC exec board and departmental reps) – give a week to vote

II. Student Life Liaison
   a. New/Expecting Parent Group
      i. Self-directed group of students who are trying to conceive, currently pregnant, adopting, or have toddlers
      ii. Primarily provides space for students to seek and give support
      iii. Experts will be invited to provide information on issues such as health insurance, parental leave, childcare, family, self-care practices, job market navigation, etc.
      iv. Sign up here:
         https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=OX9aur7js0q0UGf6gPrsrTMM2suQyzlEvRyRgebIdnJUMkNUFZOMU1UUFdZUTRYVEJXSjIQUlTREiu

   b. PACE
      i. Webpage is active
   ii. Workshops with Stacey Satchell

III. Academic Affairs
   a. Travel Awards
      i. Now used for virtual conference registration
      ii. Spread word through department reps
      iii. Must attend at least one GSC to be eligible
      iv. https://studentorg.vanderbilt.edu/gsc/travel-funding-request/
   b. 3MT
      i. March 4, 2021
      ii. Going ahead with virtual format
   iii. Still searching for judges
       1. Any ideas?
       2. Faculty members or anyone, alumni, industry since it is virtual
       3. Email Jessica.feller.1@vanderbilt.edu or Bryant.o.best@vanderbilt.edu

IV. Community Affairs
   a. Pen Pals
      i. Grad student letters have been sent
      ii. Return letters TBD – class changes have impeded return letter retrieval
         1. Updates will be given as we get them
   b. Dinner with Doers
      i. Invited guest Martesha Johnson: Chief Public Defender of Nashville
         1. 1st African-American and 2nd woman to be elected to her position
2. Professor at Vanderbilt Law
   ii. Date TBD
   iii. Partnering with local Nashville restaurant

V. Social Affairs
   a. Gather.town went great!
      i. Thank you to those who came!
      ii. Prizes to come for raffles
   b. Virtual social event for November
      i. International culture themed trivia – Geeks Who Drink
      ii. Games conducted via Twitch
      iii. Last Thursday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 19th) at 7 PM
      iv. Prizes for team who wins
      v. Sign up here: bit.ly/gsctrivia by Friday at midnight
      vi. Questions? Gsc_social@vanderbilt.edu

VI. Public Relations
   a. Sailee can’t attend the GSC executive board meetings this semester
   b. Please follow, share and like the pages on all the various platforms.
      i. Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/VandyGSC
      ii. Twitter: https://twitter.com/VandyGSC
      iii. Instagram: vu_graduate_student_council
      iv. Please tag us in your stories and posts about events!

VII. Treasurer
    a. Reviewing budget
       i. Up to $500 for your ideas
       ii. Email: gsc_cosponsorships@vanderbilt.edu
       iii. Visit https://studentorg.vanderbilt.edu/gsc/cosponsorship/ for more info

VIII. Secretary
     a. Newsletter information (once a month at beginning of month)
     b. Email me: sara.l.melow@vanderbilt.edu

IX. Honor Council
X. Vice President
   a. Department reps – if you are not getting emails, please email Carcia Carson

XI. Questions/Concerns
    a. Covid – department by department policies
    b. Meeting Video Link:
       https://vanderbilt.box.com/s/o9tv7a996iomney6dgyvlo5162e9je9