GSC General Body Meeting Minutes – Dec. 3, 2020

I. President
   a. Good luck on finals!
   b. Meeting with the Graduate Faculty Council next week
      i. How to help grad students
      ii. Push legislation through from faculty side
   c. Search Committee for new Dean of the Graduate School
      i. Input and feedback from graduate students
   d. Work with Career Center to improve graduate career services
   e. Next semester
      i. Transparency: Work on easy-to-digest info for grad students (health insurance, grad school structure, etc.)

II. Student Life Liaison
   a. New and Expecting Parents GSC Group
      i. Stress management and work/life balance
      ii. 12:30-2 PM Friday, December 11th
      iii. Connect: https://studentorg.vanderbilt.edu/gsc/new-and-expecting-parents-support-group/
   b. Women’s Center Parenting Group
      i. Pandemic Parenting Check-in
      ii. 12 PM Friday, December 4th
      iii. Zoom Registration in the GSC newsletter: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczsh82o71DDyJd1F5R9vasg3L9HN667bERqFT4K8Es3iMuXg/closedform

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. No questions for student so purely just judging
      iv. 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. December letters will be honored for grade school students that have sent return letters
   1. Reach out to those pairs later
ii. Recruiting another school next semester
b. Dinner with Doers
   i. Postponed until later due to holidays and scheduling conflicts (January possibly)

V. Social Affairs
   a. Virtual trivia was a hit!
      i. Over 100 participants
      ii. Winning teams
         1. Quaranteam
         2. Periodic Table Dancers
      iii. Prizes on the way!
   b. Next social event in January!
   c. Any ideas? Email: gsc_social@vanderbilt.edu
d. Good luck on finals and have a great winter break!

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_cospnorships@vanderbilt.edu
      iii. Visit https://studentorg.vanderbilt.edu/gsc/cosponsorship/ for more info

VIII. Secretary
   a. Send Sara newsletter information (once a month at beginning of month) for anything related to graduate students!

   b. Email sara.l.melow@vanderbilt.edu

IX. Honor Council
X. Vice President
XI. Questions/Concerns
   a. If you or friends are not getting the GSC newsletter, please join AnchorLink