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

  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
- Costume contest with prizes
- Volunteers needed

Questions, Comments, Concerns:
- Graduate students not getting paid – why?
  - System glitches in Oracle
  - GSC will keep an eye on situation