Graduate Student Council
General Body Meeting Minutes

14 March 2019
Alumni Hall 201
6-7 PM

President – Mary Lauren Benton

- Website seems to be fixed
  - If not, email gsc@vanderbilt.edu
- Graduate Student Conference
  - Kissam 9AM-4PM

Student Life Coach - Stacy Satchell

- Graduate Student Concerns Flowchart
  - Knowing where to go with resources
Financial hardship?
Job market stressors (see Ruth)?

Critical Conversations Series for Graduate Students

Pilot program with funding from NIH (all fields)
  3/20, 3/27, 4/10, 4/17

Student Life Liaison - Kelsea Best

- Mentorship survey – with committee
  - Draft made
  - Need IRB approval
    - Will do some testing, then launch
- Leaning on department reps to push it
- Grievance language
  - Updating handbook to give more power to graduate school (less to dean of school)
  - Goes up the line and balance out power
  - Sent to VU lawyers
- Poster printing
  - Access to poster printing services: 50%
    - Free? No...
- Graduate School money available!
  - Going to travel and dissertation enhancements – application process
  - Think about application – needs to be used by June 30
    - ~$1000/person
- Other issues?
- AAAS – Nexus of Science and Spirituality (3/19-20)
  - Keynote, workshop (STEM focused), and _____
  - Open to public
- Dean's Diversity Lecture (3/21 from 4-5PM in Wyatt Rotunda)
- LGBTQI events
  - International Student Career Connections (3/26 from 12:30-2PM)
    - One magnolia circle rm 241
  - PRIDE Training, March 27 12:30-3:30 in EBI 1003 - registration form on the website
  - Queer Graduate and Professional Student (QGPS) Affinity Group - April 2 at 7:30 in KCPC, interest meeting
  - Lavender Graduation - April 17, 7 PM in SLC Ballroom (RSVP)
- Graduate Student Appreciation Week (4/1-5)
  - Ice Cream Social, Alumni 202/206, Wednesday April 3
  - Women’s Center & LGBTQI Life reception Friday, April 5
  - + Meditation, others

**Treasury - Chris Taisch**
- AcFee application deadline (due today, 3/14!)
  - Interviews
    - Short interview (~10 min) with RSO President/Treasurer
    - All interviews will be completed by March 28
  - Notification of allocations will be sent out by Mid-April

**Academic Affairs Committee – Ian Setliff and Jack Ding**
- 3MT
  - Registration by 3/15
  - Event is 3/29
Slides due 3/22
- Can come without registration – RSVP’d
- Reception at Wond’rey with Zeppos
  - Encouraged by everyone!!
  - Day full of free food, prizes!

Social Affairs Committee – Cam de Wet and Souhrid Muhkerjee
- Grad Student Social
  - End of appreciation week
  - Friday, 4/5
  - Unveil renovation of Alumni Hall
  - Volunteers welcome!
    - 2 events can qualify you for scholarships
  - Email Cam if you want to do to be a social chair next year

Community Affairs Committee – Maria Agostoni and Hannah Ingersoll
- Shade tree trot – 4/20
  - Spots on the GSC team
- Pen Pals with a purpose – 4/11
  - Meet with pen pal

Vice President – Michael Pritchard
- Constitution and By-laws
  - Revised to
  - Procedural vote for revisions in coming month
  - Will be on website in ~1 week
  - Questions/comments/concerns to

President/Elections – Mary Lauren Benton
- Nominations/elections for Exec Board found in April
  - Elections will be online (AnchorLink)
  - Transfer of power on July 1
  - All positions open
  - Nominations by self or others

Questions, Comments, Concerns:
- Ruth – put up job descriptions on website