**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

**March 26, 2019**

**Attendees**

**Staff:**

Mariah Fiumara

Debby Mitchell Covington

Jeanne Murabito

Andria Rose

**Eric Rutherford**

Shira Washington

**Students:**

Madhav Achar, Rob

Matthew Aguirre, IOE

Malcolm Ammons, CEE

Laura Andre, ECE/OSUM

Alyssa Bennett, NAME

Brian Bittner, Rob

Sang Won Choi, BME

Sarah Cusson, Aero/G-SWE

Andrew “Nosa” Edoimioya, ME/SMES-G

David Geroski, AP

Benjamin Greaves, CLASP

Erik Hall, NERS

John Jasa, Aero

Michael Jones, Macro

Justin Koczak, ME

Charles Leak, NERS

Shreya Mahajan, ECE

Joshua Mashl, NERS

Daniel Quevedo, BME

Yeimy Rivera, CLASP

Laura Saunders, Macro

Abhinav Sharma, Aero

**Guests:**

Maureen Burns

Nidaa Shaikh

Dan Maletta

**Absent**

Lamia Dawahre, MS&E

Ashley Hilmas, MS&E

Royce Hwang, CSE

Amin Mohajeri, BME

Chisang Park, ME

Meghna Prasad, CEE

Rohan Vemula, Aero

James Wortman, ChE

Steve Zukaney, CSE

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Introductions and Share One Cool Thing Happening in Your Department/Society
   * Aero: adventure day
   * AP: trying to bring in Lego Grad Student (or a similar speaker) over this summer
   * CLASP: grad school application workshops; Daily Planet newsletter
   * ECE: popcorn Wednesdays;  CSE+ECE+Robotics mixer
   * GradSWE: ice skating at Yost
   * GRIN: Rackham hosting Grad Student Appreciation Week 4/1-4/5
   * IOE: graduate award banquet
   * Macro: ACS going bowling; trivia night; 5k run
   * ME: 1 day research symposium; Day of Silence
   * Optics Society: they hosted the Optics & Photonics Industry Spotlight event. They had a keynote speaker from industry and many optics companies showcase their work.
   * NAME: hosting a celebration for Greek Independence Day
   * NERS: colloquium with keynote speaker; Sugar Shack event
   * Rob: NSBE conference lab demos
   * SHPE-G: ice skating
2. Group Picture
   * This has been added to the GSAC website:   
     <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-advisory-committee/>
3. Responsible Conduct in Research & Scholarship (RCRS)—Maureen Burns, [moburns@umich.edu](mailto:moburns@umich.edu)
   * Students must attend 4 2-hour classes in order to achieve candidacy
   * Certification must be renewed every 4 years
   * Workshop topics are mandated
4. Engineering Research Symposium Planning & Save-the-Date—11/1/19
   * Representatives needed from these departments: AP, CLASP, CSE, IS+D, NAME, NERS
5. Is anybody graduating this term?
   * Congratulations, Ben! Please help secure a student to replace you.
6. Summer social and workshop topics
   * Here are some past social events and some new suggestions:
     + Canoeing/Kayaking
     + Tigers baseball game
     + Detroit Zoo
     + Frankenmuth
     + Detroit Institute of Art & river cruise
     + Paintball
     + Trivia night
     + Trampoline park
     + Picnic
   * Workshop suggestion:
     + Alternative careers
   * Please submit more social and workshop ideas to Andria by 4/5. We’ll then take a vote to determine the social.
7. Future GSAC meeting times
   * Members voted to change all future GSAC meeting times to occur over the lunch period (lunch provided)
8. Identifying Students in Distress—Nidaa Shaikh, [nfkazi@umich.edu](mailto:nfkazi@umich.edu)
   * <https://caps.umich.edu/>
   * Use empathy and active listening to connect
   * You can call CAPS after hours if you are a support system and not sure how to help or need to know how to refer someone (or if you need help for yourself!)
   * We have CAPS counselors on North Campus. To schedule an appointment, email [caps-engin@umich.edu](mailto:caps-engin@umich.edu).
   * Take advantage of the relaxation station in Pierpont Commons
9. Parking—Dan Maletta, [danm@umich.edu](mailto:danm@umich.edu)
   * He is a member of the college’s parking committee
   * Discussion focused on lack of spaces; alternative transportation options
   * He will attend a future meeting to share more information
10. Miscellaneous
    * Slack Channel <https://coegsac.slack.com/>
    * NSBE conference:
      + The convention is this weekend
      + Over 20 grad students will attend
      + We’ll have a huge presence, social media, Wolverine Den, recruiting grad students

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

4/9 Writing a Purpose Statement, 12:00-1:30, Johnson Rooms, LEC <https://goo.gl/forms/1jfl8uOPq6OuxaiB3>

**FUTURE GSAC MEETINGS**

5/16 12:00-1:30, Johnson Rooms—*lunch provided*

7/23 12:00-1:30, Johnson Rooms—*lunch provided*

9/25 12:00-1:30, Johnson Rooms—*lunch provided*