**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

**September 25, 2019**

**Attendees**

**Staff:**

Mariah Fiumara

Jeanne Murabito

Tiffany Porties

Andria Rose

Eric Rutherford

Shira Washington

**Students:**

Matthew-Remy Aguirre, IOE

Laura Andre, ECE/OSUM

Brian Bittner, Rob

Sarah Bork, EER

Sang Won Choi, BME

Kathleen Chou, MS&E/G-SWE

Benjamin Derby, MS&E

David Geroski, AP

Anubhav Gupta, ChE

Erik Hall, NERS

John Jasa, Aero

Spyros Kasapis, NAME

Nathan Louis, ECE  
Garima Malhotra, CLASP/GRIN

Brooke Mason, CEE

Antriksh Hemchand Mutha, IOE

Yeimy Rivera, CLASP

Chris Rockwell, CSE

Nathaly Villacis, ME

James Wortman, ChE

Hang Yang, ME

**Absent**

Madhav Achar, Rob

Tutu Ajayi, CSE

Aaron Gladstein, MS&E

Charles Leak, NERS

Shreya Mahajan, ECE

Joshua Mashl, NERS

Amin Mohajeri, BME

Daniel Quevedo, BME

Laura Saunders, Macro

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Introductions and Share One Cool Thing Happening in Your Department/Society
2. Incoming Grad School Data
   * Presentation (Mariah Fiumara)
   * EATS = Eating and Talking Sessions with the Dean (student based)
   * Children on Campus policy (be sure to review website to be compliant with your outreach efforts; non-enrolled students; eg background checks)
3. Co-curricular Funding  
   CAP = $2000 per experience vs. per student
   * Presentation (Mariah Fiumara)
   * Apply 1 month or 2 in advance
   * Not for student organization funding
4. CoE student funding only
5. 11/8 Engineering Research Symposium
   * Deadline to register as a presenter is 9/29
   * Will need volunteers
   * <https://ers.engin.umich.edu/>
6. Fall Visit Program
   * EMERGE: Explore Michigan Engineering Research and Graduate Education
   * November 7-9
   * Will need volunteers
   * <https://emerge.engin.umich.edu/>
7. Lunch & Lab with a Grad Mentoring Program
   * 152 mentors
   * 118 mentees
8. Graduate Student Community Grant Program
   * Next round begins November 1
   * <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-community-grant-program/>
9. Graduate Recruiting
10. Round Table Discussion:
    * GSAC overview
    * GSAC mission
    * Workshops for GSAC members
      + Culture shock
      + Emotional intelligence
      + Getting the mentoring you want workshop
      + Converting resume to CV workshop
    * Misc:
      + CoE-wide grad student event coordinated by GSAC
      + Technical Conference travel funds
      + Website – updated or create your own, link from GSAC OSA website
      + Social for GSAC members
      + List of GSAC coordinated events
      + INK <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/info-you-need-to-know/>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

9/26 New Grad Orientation Part 2: Grad Student Life Roundtable, 1:00-2:00, Johnson Rooms <https://forms.gle/ccbNWdkDasZjDPG7A>

10/8 Alumni Panel on Consulting Careers, 12:00-1:30, Johnson Rooms –Sarah Bork agreed to facilitate<https://forms.gle/uWAMEcQ5Qv6ru8uj8>

11/13 Overcoming Procrastination, 10:30-11:30, Johnson Rooms <https://forms.gle/9FmCtAc1PygWA2aQ7>

**FUTURE GSAC MEETINGS**

11/21 12:00-1:30, Johnson Rooms  
1/30 11:30-1:00, Johnson Rooms   
3/26 11:30-1:00, Johnson Rooms

**One Cool Thing**

Aero: Recently had a fun outing to Whirlyball to welcome new students and welcome back existing students; intramural sports; workshops

Applied Physics: Our big news is that we are trying out a new, more involved model for new student mentoring.

CEE:

* CEE BBQ & Golf Party Thursday Sept 19th
* ASCE Apple Orchard Trip Saturday Sept 21st
* Picnic & Boating Event at Gallup Park Saturday, Sept 21st
* Tailgate & Football Game Saturday, Sept 28th
  + The Clean Energy Revolution is (Finally) Here, Dan Kammen, October 1st, Location TBD <https://cee.engin.umich.edu/events/65484-16605632/>

ChE: Symposium on Research/Industry Reps

CLASP: Just had their first PhD student retreat at UM Biological Station in Pellston, MI

CSE: Welcome BBQ

ECE: ECE Career Fair next month; Whirly Ball

EER: EER Seminar Series has first talk today (Wednesday September 25th). There will be two other talks in the series, with event information here (<https://eer.engin.umich.edu/eer-events/>). There is also an EER Open House for prospective students going on Friday, October 11th, and you can find more information here (<https://eer.engin.umich.edu/>).

GradSWE: Hosted their Welcome Dinner in early September for over 100 incoming grad students, to get them acquainted with the university, and be able to meet people outside their home department. They are also starting up a new Friendtorship program for our members to meet new people and get mentoring.

GSBES: Rrecently had a Welcome Back BBQ at Wheeler Park in collaboration with Students of Color of Rackham (SCOR).

IOE: Preparing for INFORMS

ME:

* MEGC recently completed their transition process and formed a new exec board.
* With increased resources allocated to DEI, MEGC is looking to host and collaborate with other organizations on more DEI related programs this year.
* And we recently had a new student welcome bowling event at Revel & Roll.
* Prof. Gavini and his team are finalists for the 2019 Gordon Bell Prize because of their work in high performance computing.
* We have started the workshop series and social activities given by the MEGC. The second part of the MATLAB workshop is happening next week, and there is a mix-up event this Friday for grad students and post docs.

MSE: This past month they hosted a “Navigating Graduate School” event for incoming MSE graduate students. This was very well received.

* Updates on our Grad Student bootcamp series:
  + 9/11 – Johnson Rooms, LEC, New grad student mixer
  + 9/24 - 1014 Dow, 1:30-3 pm: How to choose an advisor (Adam Mael [ME grad coordinator])
  + 10/8 - 1680 IOE, 3-4:30 pm: How to read scientific papers (Prof. Shahani [MSE])
  + 10/22 - 1680 IOE, 3-4:30 pm: How to do a proper lit review (Leena Lalwani [Engineering Librarian, MSE specialist])
  + 11/5 -  104 Dow, 1:30-4:30 pm: How to write scientifically (Jimmy Brancho [Sweetland writer])

NAME: Welcome back BBQ

NERS: Our student chapter for the Institute for Nuclear Materials Management is hosting some alumni (at least one so far, Dr. Alexis Trahan) over the semester to give talks about nuclear safeguards. We're also hosting a professor from the Dept of Philosophy to give a talk on the ethics of nuclear weapons. Women group issues.

Optics: Technical seminars

Robotics: We are developing a kit of robots that can easily be pulled out at a moment’s notice for student-aimed outreach labs. This should lower the barrier to entry for students to participate in outreach, since the lab will be ready to run right out of the box (no engineering required). Working on how to have a successful alumni event.