**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

**November 21, 2019**

**12:00-1:30, Johnson Rooms, LEC**

**Attendees**

**Staff:**

Kerri Boivin

Mariah Fiumara

Jeanne Murabito

Tiffany Porties

Andria Rose

Eric Rutherford

Laura Schram

Gina Shereda

Shira Washington

**Students:**

James Abrams, NAME

Matthew-Remy Aguirre, IOE

Tutu Ajayi, CSE

Brian Bittner, Rob

Sarah Bork, EER

Xiaotong Chen, Rob

Sang Won Choi, BME

Kathleen Chou, MS&E/G-SWE

Benjamin Derby, MS&E

David Geroski, AP

Aaron Gladstein, MS&E

Erik Hall, NERS

Spyros Kasapis, NAME

Larson Lovdal, ME

Garima Malhotra, CLASP/GRIN

Joshua Mashl, NERS

Brooke Mason, CEE

Prateek Mittal, IS+D

Ryan Patterson, Aero

Yeimy Rivera, CLASP

Aini Sun, CEE

Nathaly Villacis, ME

Hang Yang, ME

**Absent**

Laura Andre, ECE/OSUM

Merritt Dailey, IS+D

Anubhav Gupta, ChE

Charles Leak, NERS

Nathan Louis, ECE  
Shreya Mahajan, ECE

Amin Mohajeri, BME

Antriksh Hemchand Mutha, IOE

Nora Petran, CLASP

Daniel Quevedo, BME

Chris Rockwell, CSE

Laura Saunders, Macro

James Wortman, ChE

Sophia Yu, Aero

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Introductions and Share One Cool Thing Happening in Your Department/Society

* Aero
  + Hosted a failure symposium
  + Starting a journal club
* AP
  + Reforming student council
* BME
  + Techical seminar
  + Tailgate
* CEE
* Small Group Student/Faculty Lunches- we sponsored 6 lunches with a faculty from each sub-discipline that 3-4 students could attend on and off campus to get to know the faculty better (occurred in Oct. and Nov.)
* We are hosting monthly board game nights in GGB Blue Lounge
* Took students to a corn maze Oct. 25th.
* Hosting a career panel sometime in mid-January
* Weekly lunch session between students/professors
* CLaSP
  + Social coming up for full department
* CSEG
  + Is now having tea-time events sponsored by companies that attend
  + Is now helping to transition a popular 200-enrolled class back to being thought/run by graduate students
  + Students regained control of class to teach as primary instructors
* GradSWE
  + We had 10 members attend the Society of Women Engineers conference in Anaheim, CA last week and members went to professional development talks, presented research, and helped recruit for the College of Engineering
  + GRIN
    - Mixers, social and professional development events
  + IOE
    - Friday lunch and learn session - now students preparing their own talks
  + Jeanne
    - DEI Student Advisory Board (now 28 students), Engin Talk 12/10
* ME
  + In October, MEGC organized our bi-annual RFE (PhD qualifying exam in ME) practice sessions where examinees can get valuable feedback from their senior peers. This semester, 75% of the examinees took advantage of this program.
  + Happy hour with ECE, 3rd sandwiches and sciences
  + Disability awareness
* MSE
  + Hosted two Sandwiches and Science events this past month in preparation for ERS. Seven students presented their poster/presentation to fellow grad students and received feedback on their technical communication skills
  + We have 2 separate Alumni speaker events coming up in the MSE department
* NAME
  + A lot of NAME students went to a professional conference (the SNAME Maritime Convention) in Tacoma a few weeks ago
  + Friday department seminars (e.g. finances)
* NERS
* Starting a series of "Finance Basics" classes designed for grad students who don't have a lot of investing experience and want to learn a little bit about that
* Monthly social events (e.g. corn maze), professional development seminars
* Robotics
  + Advisor is associate director for undergrad program, essay writing workshop for master’s students applying for PhD

1. Rackham Resources—Laura Schram [lnschram@umich.edu](mailto:lnschram@umich.edu), Gina Shereda, [ginhedbe@umich.edu](mailto:ginhedbe@umich.edu)
   * Rackham North Programming - monthly
   * Discussed 8 career development areas Rackham provides support/encouragement for
   * Embedded career counselor
   * Various groups/sessions - designing your life curriculum, spring/summer internship support, alumni network, future faculty, what’s next career path
   * Save-the-date: Gear Your Career (January 2020); 4/3/2020 PhD Career Connections Conference; Mental Health Task Force Student Town Hall 1/9 (1-2:30pm) @ Rackham
   * Rackham Program in Public Scholarship
   * Programming: DEI Programming and Certificate, Leadership (e.g. AAAS CASE Workshop), Communication, Content Expertise, Teaching
   * Rackham funding: professional development, conference travel, travel with children grants
   * Questions?
     + Does Rackham record/transcribe events? e.g. slides, video...available post events and/or livestream
     + Writing workshops for PhD students: have been helpful (dedicated time/space/food), need one on North Campus
     + Notify Rackham which sessions you like on Central Campus that you would like to see on North Campus
     + Can Rackham study halls be kept open on the weekends?
2. Engineering Career Resource Center: Career Engagement Opportunities and Career Fairs—Kerri Boivin, [kboivin@umich.edu](mailto:kboivin@umich.edu) (15 minutes)
   * Review Career Guide - great resources, also on website
   * Career Engagement Opportunities Program - site on website, includes student orgs to highlight their events also
   * Winter 2020 Speaker Workshop Topic Ideas? Someone from industry recruiting at PhD level
     + General
     + Target to degree trajectory
     + #2 topic idea

* New Position - Advising all students but primarily international students
* National Labs event 11/6/19 - other events of interest? Companies with large research entities (e.g. Toyota, MSR) to highlight R&D opportunities; environment of research (speak to the different type of environments, e.g. panel discussion night before dinner, speed dating)

1. Engineering Research Symposium Feedback
   * Time of year is fine (does not conflict with a major society meeting/conference), but may want to hold it later in order for newer students to be able to participate
   * Consider asking departments to nominate students
   * Gift card for all participants
   * Advertise sooner, ensure enough time between review and poster submission
   * Tie it to a class/funding (e.g. research ethics…)
   * Prize money is an incentive
   * Mixed on whether or not it should remain exclusive but some did say that might be a turn off
2. EMERGE Fall Visit Program Feedback
3. Graduate Student Community Grant Program
   * Proposal deadline is 11/30
   * <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-community-grant-program/>
4. CEE Skating Social Collaboration—Brooke Mason, [bemason@umich.edu](mailto:bemason@umich.edu)

* March event, looking for collaborators. Will submit for $500 (community grant) and ask to cost share remaining $300
* Contact her for interest

1. GAME/MBA—Prateek Mittal, [prateekm@umich.edu](mailto:prateekm@umich.edu)
   * Students pursuing manufacturing would like to expand their scope of learning by pursuing a MBA degree which would give them the flexibility to move into corporate leadership position. Depending on the level of experience, starting career paths would be that of an operations manager, project management in manufacturing etc. They are looking at a dual degree in GAME & MBA.
   * Students, specifically the Auto Engineering students, are at a disadvantage. Most of the courses that these students take are offered under Rackham. And still the students have less chances of being offered funding through GSIs, GSRAs, graders etc. Also the communication, for example, thesis defense information etc. is not communicated as the ISD students belong to different school/department.
   * Suggestions: Talk to your department, Tauber Global Operations, student initiated, OSA/ADGPE office can look into
2. Miscellaneous

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

1/21 Using Improv for School and Work, 10:30-12:00, Johnson Rooms, LEC <https://forms.gle/6e7xuPDRud7vnpg68>

2/1 Hockey Game Social vs. OSU, Yost Arena <https://forms.gle/L4nTYQDesXVUe8YT7>

2/4 Personal Investing Workshop, 1:00-2:00, Johnson Rooms, LEC https://forms.gle/bn9s8X8w2ztMgeEDA

**FUTURE GSAC MEETINGS**

1/30 11:30-1:00, Johnson Rooms  
3/26 11:30-1:00, Johnson Rooms  
5/28 11:30-1:00, Johnson Rooms