**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

**May 28, 2020**

**11:30-1:00, Zoom**

### ATTENDEES

### Staff

Debby Covington

Mariah Fiumara

Mary-Ann Mycek

Andria Rose

Eric Rutherford

Shira Washington

**Students**

Laura Andre

Brian Bittner

Tutu Ajayi

Alyssa DeSimone

David Geroski

Erik Hall

Nathan Louis

Brooke Mason

Prateek Mittal

Charles Powell

Nathaly Villacis

**Guest**

Steven Ceccio

**Absent** If you were listed incorrectly, let Andria know.

Matthew-Remy Aguirre

Sarah Bork

Xiaoton Chen

Yixuan Chen

Sang Won Choi

Merritt Dailey

Aaron Gladstein

Spyros Kasapis

Larson Lovdal

Garima Malhotra

Amin Mohajeri

Antriksh Hemchand Mutha

Ryan Patterson

Nora Petran

Yeimy Rivera

Chris Rockwell

Bosun Roy-Layinde

Laura Saunders

Aini Sun

Hang Yang

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

* Introductions
* Restarting Research—Steven Ceccio, Associate Dean of Research
	+ ECE, GG Brown buildings reopened for ~300 researchers
	+ Next week more will be allowed to return
	+ Training for faculty, staff and students
	+ Temperature, symptoms assessed upon building entry—get a sticker if cleared
	+ Sent a message out the community last week, another one may be sent out soon
	+ Worried about a lack of credibility of plans (field research, costs)
	+ Trying to reopen slowly to monitor the safety and avoid recurrence
	+ Labs putting together policies independently-would be good to have a global foundation
	+ How students can advocate for themselves without negative response from advisor?
	+ Each department will have an ombudsman to handle any challenges with faculty, etc.
	+ May need to work in shifts
	+ After a few waves of groups returning, departments will be allowed to restart activities
* Continuity of Education—Mary-Ann Mycek, Associate Dean of Graduate & Professional Education
	+ Should know fall plans by end of June
	+ Looking at Academic Calendar
	+ Classes may be in-person/online hybrid
	+ 835 grad students completed Graduate Student Remote Learning Survey
	+ Course flexibility important
	+ Faculty asked to provide everything online; quality must be as high as in in-person classes
* Mentoring for Master’s—Mariah Fiumara
	+ Current master’s students who are interested in being a mentor for incoming master’s students should sign-up using the attached PDF by June 2nd. Please share with fellow students in your department.
* Student Organization Registration—Mariah Fiumara
	+ Need to register with Maize Pages by end of July
	+ Former leaders received directions from CoE as there are additional requirements for CoE student orgs outside of CCI’s requirements. If you have questions or need a copy of the checklist, please email Mariah at mariahmo@umich.edu.
* New Graduate Student Orientation Online— Mariah Fiumara
	+ We will be looking for student volunteers to interact with incoming students though a virtual event. More information and ways to sign up will be coming.
* Engineering Research Symposium Planning—Andria Rose
	+ The date is tentatively set for February 5
	+ We are looking for 3 Co-Chairs and are forming the planning committee
	+ If you’d like to give us your feedback and sign-up for the planning committee or co-chair position, complete this form: <https://forms.gle/x3qHTn9E8pAFebEz7>
* Rackham Student Government—Andria Rose
	+ Multiple spots need to be filled
	+ <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPYoH4U08dUL4uLpGv5CqxnDBFHw9hrW3UXY74eVabSGBymA/viewform?usp=sf_link>
	+ Direct questions to rsg-exec@umich.edu
* Miscellaneous
	+ How are departments engaging their students—Brook Mason
		- Brian said they have a Facebook page
		- Alyssa said they are posting announcements on Thursdays
		- Research talks
		- Gaming
		- Jackbox

**UPCOMING EVENTS**October 8-10 (tentative) Exploring Michigan Engineering Research & Graduate Education (EMERGE)—Virtual

**FUTURE GSAC MEETINGS**

7/28 12:00-1:30, TBD

9/23 12:00-1:30, Johnson Rooms?

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