**Graduate Student Advisory Committee Minutes**

**July 28, 2020**

**12:00-1:30**

### ATTENDEES

### Staff

Debby Covington

Mariah Fiumara

Kate Killewald

Tiffany Porties

Andria Rose

Eric Rutherford

Shira Washington

**Students**

Matthew-Remy Aguirre

Laura Andre

Brian Bittner

Yixuan Chen

Merritt Dailey

Alyssa DeSimone

Erik Hall

Dianna Kitt

Charles Leak

Geordie Lindemann

Nathan Louis

Larson Lovdal

Brooke Mason

Preston Pan

Ryan Patterson

Nora Petran

Neha Pusalkar

Tessa Swanson

Bosun Roy-Layinde

**Guests**

Scott Manley

Kerri Boivin

**Colleen McNamee**

Maurice Traylor

**ABSENT**

If you were listed incorrectly, let Andria know.

Sarah Bork

Xiaotong Chen

Sang Won Choi

Fahad Kamran

David Geroski

Aaron Gladstein

Spyros Kasapis

Garima Malhotra

Prateek Mittal

Amin Mohajeri

Antriksh Hemchand Mutha

Charles Powell

Chris Rockwell

Laura Saunders

Aini Sun

Nathaly Villacis

Hang Yang

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Introductions and Share One Cool Thing Happening in Your Department/Society
   * Brian—outreach events in Robotics
   * Liz—Robotics
   * Nathan—EE GSC
   * Charlie –CLASP Students wrote letter on social justice; hosted town hall on mechanics of returning
   * Laura—Optics Society
   * Brooke
     + CEE GSAC is also doing the 4-week [Anti-Racism Primer](https://hr.umich.edu/working-u-m/professional-development/diversity-equity-inclusion-training-education/anti-racism-primer-what-can-i-do)
     + CEE students wrote a call to action DEI letter to the department and are helping them expand the DEI Committee to include students
     + Hosting weekly CEE Faculty Research Talks (starts next week)
   * Dianna—GSBES
   * Tessa
   * Geordie—MSE is focusing on improving domestic student-international student relations
   * Preston—BME
   * Yixuan—ChE is holding Friday talks, support systems, department continuity
   * Hang—ME monthly grad seminars, reps on faculty committees, MEGC is also extending its DEI effort by working with the department to form a ME Student DEI Committee that consists of both grad and undergrad students.
   * Erik—NERS wrote letter
   * Alyssa—GradSWE joint meditation event, planning programs virtually
   * Matthew—planning orientation
   * Merritt—IS+D trivia
   * Neha—Robotics planning online meetings
   * Bosun
   * Larson
2. International Center--Scott Manley, [smmanley@umich.edu](mailto:smmanley@umich.edu)
   * Visa status
     + 4-month process
     + Asian students must quarantine
     + Asian students would need to travel through other countries in order to fly to USA
     + Have option to stay in own country and take online classes (may have time zone difficulties)
   * Hybrid classes
   * Should document meetings with advisor monthly to prove on-campus activity
   * If you have questions reach out to the International Center or your graduate coordinators. If you’re still having trouble, then you can reach out to the CARE Center as well.
3. Engineering Career Resource Center—Kerri Boivin**, Colleen McNamee**, Maurice Traylor;   
   [ecrc-info@umich.edu](mailto:ecrc-info@umich.edu)
   * 10-15% of students lost their summer internships this year
   * Fall events will be moved online, including career fair
   * Using app Career Fair Plus
   * Resources on website for grad students
   * Will still offer career days
   * They have not set-up a date for national lab fair yet
4. Master’s Mentoring Program—Kate Killewald, [killewal@umich.edu](mailto:killewal@umich.edu)
   * Goal is to retain incoming students
   * Called for mentors in May
   * Resources: Info You Need to Know, mentor guide
   * 6/10 was deadline; 264 mentees, ~70 mentors
   * Some mentors took up to 15 mentees!
   * Asked them to connect within one week
   * Follow-up survey
   * Deciding whether to continue program through fall
5. Resources for students with disabilities—Brian Bittner, [babitt@umich.edu](mailto:babitt@umich.edu)
   * Trouble accessing disability resources
   * On web, there is no clear CoE representative
   * Recommend there be a more centralized system and to advertise more
6. North Campus Maize & Blue Cupboard volunteers needed—Mariah Fiumara
   * Currently looking for funding
   * If you’d like to give feedback, let Mariah know
   * If you want to be involved in the process or provide input on the process reach out to Mariah
7. Big 10 Voting Challenge—Mariah Fiumara
   * Looking for people to help encourage students to vote
   * Take materials back to your departments
   * If you’re willing to help, let Mariah know (Charlie is interested)
   * Working on getting a drop-box set-up
   * We can provide postage
8. EngIn— Mariah Fiumara
   * Now open to all students
   * Scavenger hunt with prizes; will have several days to complete
   * If you’d like to help, let Mariah know
9. New Graduate Student Orientation 8/18 & 8/19
10. Fall Visit Program
    * EMERGE: Explore Michigan Engineering Research and Graduate Education
    * October 8-9 (tentative) via Zoom
    * <https://emerge.engin.umich.edu/>
11. Miscellaneous
    * CoE is hosting two town halls for students
      + International Graduate Students on August 5th from 9-10am EDT
      + Domestic Graduate Students on August 7th from 5-6pm EDT

**FUTURE GSAC MEETINGS**

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