**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

**September 23, 2020**

**12:00-1:30, Zoom**

### ATTENDEES

### Staff

Debby Covington

Mariah Fiumara

Jeanne Murabito

Mary-Ann Mycek

Tiffany Porties

Andria Rose

Eric Rutherford

Shira Washington

**Students**

Laura Andre

Sarah Bork

Alyssa DeSimone

David Geroski

Huiling Li

Geordie Lindemann

Nathan Louis

Brooke Mason

Elizabeth Olson

Preston Pan

Ryan Patterson

Charles Powell

Tessa Swanson

**ABSENT**

Matthew-Remy Aguirre

Brian Bittner

Xiaotong Chen

Yixuan Chen

Sang Won Choi

Merritt Dailey

Aaron Gladstein

Erik Hall

Fahad Kamran

Spyrose Kasapis

Dianna Kitt

Charles Leak

Larson Lovdal

Prateek Mittal

Antriksh Hemchand Mutha

Nora Petran

Neha Pusalkar

Chris Rockwell

Bosun Roy-Layinde

Laura Saunders

Aini Sun

Nathaly Villacis

Hang Yang

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Introductions and Share One Cool Thing Happening in Your Department/Society
2. CoE's plan for developing and rolling out additional DEI training opportunities for all graduate students and postdocs—Eric Rutherford
   * Adding 5th component for RCRS
3. Maize and Blue Cupboard - Mariah Fiumara
   * Please promote to students:
     + U-M’s effort to provide equitable access to healthy, nutritious and nourishing food to students, faculty and staff will be setting up a mobile food distribution center on North Campus – every other Wednesday through November 18.-Visitors will be required to sign up for a time slot and can do so here: <https://mbc.studentlife.umich.edu/2020/08/27/a-hunger-relief-food-distribution-center-comes-to-north-campus/> -There are 40 volunteer slots available. If you would be willing to help, please sign up here: <https://sessions.studentlife.umich.edu/p/track/4418>
     + The initial idea for the North Campus Distribution pilot originated through the COVID Campus Challenge - sponsored by the College of Engineering and Student Life.
4. Big 10 Voting Challenge Faculty Package - Mariah Fiumara
   * Every two weeks on Wednesdays from 2:00-5:00
   * UM students trained to help with voting process
   * Faculty info: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v-aYUedUysuMtHyuMl1WsudHvxNNfTPy/view>
   * Kiosk in 143 Chrysler for registration
   * Postage available
   * Trying to get a ballot drop-off box
   * Recommend that we share with students the details/resources about voting options (local offices, who is on the ballot, etc.)
   * Ballotpedia.org
5. Bystander Intervention - Debby Covington Mitchell
   * The entire campus will need to take this
   * Focuses on racism
6. Co-curricular Funding - Mariah Fiumara
   * <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-co-curricular-experiences-funding/>
   * Will not cover travel
   * Will cover conference fees, projects
   * Review applications every 2 weeks
7. Positive Chalking
   * Please help us create an uplifting crowd-sourced message of hope, encapsulating the spirit of what Michigan Engineering should be. Once a day, share an inspiring word or positive message encouraging us all to be patient, kind and thoughtful towards one another. Instructions: All you need to do is follow the QR code or [link](https://app.sli.do/event/usuejdjw), during the week of September 21-25 or visit the website sli.do and input the hashtag #EngineerPositivity. You’ll be asked to sign in with your name, which will not be included in the word cloud. At the end of the week, we will share the final image!
   * <https://app.sli.do/event/usuejdjw/login?redirectUrl=%2Fevent%2Fusuejdjw>
8. Mental Health Resources to be shared out - Mariah Fiumara
   * Will be sharing mental health resources soon
9. Fall Recruiting Program
   * EMERGE: Explore Michigan Engineering Research and Graduate Education
   * <https://emerge.engin.umich.edu/>
   * October 8-9
   * ~140 applications
   * Need alumni to participate in Ask an Alum sessions on 10/9, from 3:30-5:00 (needed from these departments: BME, CEE, CLASP, IOE, IS+D, NERS, Rob) Register here https://forms.gle/W4v1sTrCkxGLNfW89
   * We need volunteers to host Ask an Alum sessions on 10/9, from 3:30-5:00, <https://forms.gle/eCeUaTmH54QY6gAeA>
   * Ideas for virtual ice breakers
10. Allyhood Training: An introduction to LGBTQ+ Inclusivity, Language, Identity, and Allyhood– Hang Yang
11. Meet Your Mentor: Chat with a Grad Mentoring Program – Andria Rose
    * 121 mentors
    * 46 mentees
    * If you know of any undergrads who would be interested in being mentored, please encourage them to register at <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/meetyourmentor/>
12. Miscellaneous
    * CoE Emergency Funding Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfH0mTMBOssNWx_ljsKw_hEJ-S0BPHdbWfDNjfwlZCaBlYNag/viewform>
    * CARES Act: Apply through Wolverine Access (funding is administered through the Office of Financial Aid) <https://campusblueprint.umich.edu/faqs/#cares-act-header>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

9/24 Navigating Michigan’s New Auto Insurance Policies, 12:00-1:00, Zoom [<https://forms.gle/PfW4bnoY8fPTidd1A>](https://forms.gle/PfW4bnoY8fPTidd1A)

10/1 Networking for Introverts, 12:00-1:00, Zoom

<https://forms.gle/8XyB6ShTYvu3ETeC6>

**FUTURE GSAC MEETINGS**

11/19, 12:00-1:30, Zoom

1/27, 12:00-1:30, Zoom

**One Cool Thing**

Aero: One cool thing in Aerospace has been the creation of a Slack workspace for the grad students in our department to find updates, organize study groups, and share art and crafts projects. People have been very active on the platform.

AP: APSC setting-up bi-weekly trivia night, may expand to other units

BME: made small groups for BME retreat and took out new students to places around town. Preparing students to vote.

CEE:  We hosted several events last week all connected to the Flint Water Crisis. We watched the “Here’s to Flint” documentary and followed that up with a student roundtable discussion. These were in preparation for a guest lecture and discussion with Prof. Paul Mohai.

CLASP: good turn-out soliciting people to help with voting polls

ECE: weekly coffee hours; more activities being planned

EER: We will be hosting a Virtual EER Prospective Student Open House on Thursday and Friday, 10/08/20 and 10/09/20 via Zoom (zoom link will be emailed prior to the meeting). Participants will hear about the program, meet faculty and graduate students, tour (virtually) the beautiful University of Michigan campus, and learn about career opportunities as a UM graduate in this field.

IOE: virtual fundraiser

GradSWE: virtual monthly fall baking class series

Macro: One cool thing in Macro recently is the creation of Macro Discord server by Cecelia Kinane, Macro mentorship program coordinator. On this server, there are specific cohort channels and a mentorship program channel as well as a place macro students can talk about food, events, and general chatting! Discord was chosen for ease of both group chat and video/voice chat without the need for Zoom type meetings, which is better to connect our community.

ME: Allyhood training

MSE: open communication on Covid; virtual happy hour

Optics Society: we just hosted our annual new+current student Fall Welcome Mixer. We had quite a few new students join us and had a great time with virtual ice breakers and games! Yesterday we had our first academic seminar, which we hope to continue monthly throughout the semester. Additionally, we plan to have a virtual game night once a month!

Robotics: virtual field day