**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

**November 19, 2020**

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

### ATTENDEES

### Staff

Kerri Boivin

Mariah Fiumara

Tiffany Porties

Andria Rose

Eric Rutherford

Shira Washington

**Students**

Laura Andre

Akshay Bharwaj

Sarah Bork

Sang Won Choi

Alyssa DeSimone

David Geroski

Erik Hall

Dianna Kitt

Huiling Li

Nathan Louis

Elizabeth Olson

Neha Pusalkar

Bosun Roy-Layinde  
Leanne Su

Tessa Swanson

Hang Yang

**ABSENT**

Matthew-Remy Aguirre

Brian Bittner

Xiaotong Chen

Yixuan Chen

Merritt Dailey

Aaron Gladstein

Fahad Kamran

Spyrose Kasapis

Charles Leak

Geordie Lindemann

Larson Lovdal

Brooke Mason

Prateek Mittal

Antriksh Hemchand Mutha

Preston Pan

Nora Petran

Charlie Powell

Chris Rockwell

Laura Saunders

Aini Sun

Nathaly Villacis

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Engineering Research Symposium—Hang Yang
   * 4 sessions (Advanced, Emerging, Undergrad and Richard & Eleanor Towner Prize for Outstanding Research
2. Abstract deadline for Undergrad, Emerging, and Advanced sessions is December 7 [https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_3aSjJPQapeilp2t](https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3aSjJPQapeilp2t" \t "_blank)
3. Please check with your department/program for the application deadline for Richard & Eleanor Towner Prize for Outstanding Research
4. Career Resources for the Winter Semester—Kerri Boivin
   * <https://career.engin.umich.edu/events/career-fairs/>
   * 1/27 Winter Career Fair
   * 2/11 National Lab Fair
   * 3/3 & 4/1 Mini Career Fairs
   * 2/10 & 3/18 Networking events
5. Mental Health Resources—Mariah Fuimara

* [Mental Health Resources Link](https://umich.instructure.com/courses/402672/pages/mental-health-resources?module_item_id=1262647)
* [Graduate Co-Curricular Funding](https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-co-curricular-experiences-funding/#:~:text=The%20College%20of,of%20co%2Dcurricular%20learning%20experiences.&text=*Please%20note%20that%20all%20co,in%20order%20to%20be%20funded)

1. ADGPE—Eric Rutherford
   * DEI surveys:
     + ADGPE check-in survey of graduate students:

* ADGPE office is developing a general fall term check-in survey for graduate students
* A couple GSAC members provided feedback for the survey questions
* Asked if GSAC members would be willing to distribute to grad students in their departments; seemed that asking grad coordinators to do this was preferred
* Asked if there was interest for a panel of GSAC students to discuss community building in CoE with grad/master's chairs and coordinators:
* Little feedback, but it seemed that it would be preferable to have students submit to ADGPE office via email events that have worked well in their departments; ADGPE office could distribute/discuss with grad/master's chairs and coordinators
* Rackham Extended Time to Degree Plan:
* Presented current plans for process for emergency funding requests for Covid-related circumstances that have delayed a Ph.D. student’s graduation beyond the timeline of their full-funding guarantee
  + Plans are to have new process folded into current emergency funding request process
  + No feedback *from* GSAC members

1. Gaslighting in the Academy: Will Black Lives Continue to Matter <https://events.engin.umich.edu/events/79306-20270671/>
   * RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3pl9E19>
   * 12/1/20, 12:00-1:00, Zoom
2. Virtual Visit Days—Tiffany Porties
   * Will take place in March
   * Trying to plan an event that is engaging
   * If you have ideas for activities talk to your grad coordinators or our team
3. Share One Cool Thing Happening in Your Department/Society
   * See below
4. Miscellaneous

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

12/2, Communicating Data to Non-Experts, 12:00-1:30, Zoom <https://forms.gle/Gw3LUW72Hyzx3kT19>

**FUTURE GSAC MEETINGS**

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

3/24, 12:00-1:30, Zoom

**One Cool Thing**

Aero: organizing a holiday talent show/party over Zoom; we had a similar one over the summer with faculty, staff, and students, and it was very well-received!

AP: just set up a Discord for everyone to coordinate events

CEE: We are holding a graduate student town hall Nov. 19th moderated by CEDO to get student feedback on how things are going (virtual environment, professional development, advisor relationships, and wellbeing). This is our first one but we plan to hold them twice a year, in fall and in winter term.

ChE: setup a DEI steering committee of graduate students and faculty to help address some of the DEI issues.

ECE: we are continuing to have weekly coffee hours, trivia nights once a month, and mentoring opportunities

EER: seminar series (can see schedule [here](https://eer.engin.umich.edu/events-seminars/upcoming-seminars/) and past ones [here](https://eer.engin.umich.edu/events-seminars/previous-seminars/))

GSBES: pumpkin carving, virtual Friendsgiving dinner

GradSWE: hosting a Building your Professional Brand workshop next week

IOE: hosting virtual & time zone friendly game times, so far including Cranium & Among Us; Be Active fundraiser

Macro: ACS chapter is preparing a YouTube channel about grad school

ME: set up a Slack channel for ME grad students to set up professional and social meetups.

MSE: career/professional development on patent law; social event “Jeopardy Night”

NERS had a "Ghost Stories around the Virtual Campfire" on Oct 29.

OSUM: we are planning out how we can conduct outreach remotely/virtually beginning next semester. Board game night.

Rob: our program has started to organize small robotics social groups. Once a week, a student gets randomly partnered with one or two other students to have a conversation sometime during the week.