**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

**January 27, 2021**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Staff:**

Mariah Fiumara

John Keedy

Jeanne Murabito

Andria Rose

Eric Rutherford

Shira Washington

**Students:**

Laura Andre

Sang Won Choi

David Geroski

Erik Hall

Connie Lee

Geordie Lindemann

Nathan Louis

Brooke Mason

Carla Nunez

Charlie Powell

Neha Pusalkar

Bosun Roy-Layinde

Laura Saunders

Tessa Swanson

Tyler Topham

Hang Yang

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Introductions and Share One Cool Thing Happening in Your Department/Society
   * See below
2. COVID Testing & Vaccine—John Keedy
   * All individuals on campus must submit the ResponsiBLUE online screening each day
   * All undergrads need to be tested every week
   * Anybody who needs to be on campus should be tested each week
   * 90% of phase 1 doses have been given
   * Phase 1B will hopefully be done by the end of May
   * Fill out the Blueque questionnaire on campusblueprint.umich.edu to get in line for the vaccine
3. Parking Options for Grad Students—Eric Rutherford
   * Grad students may now purchase temporary blue passes (these work in yellow and orange lots too)
   * <https://ltp.umich.edu/2020/11/19/graduate-student-temporary-blue-permit-parking-december-1-june-30-2021/?utm_source=College+Employee+Comms&utm_campaign=22243e85a3-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_12_13_02_33_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_71b41c19d5-22243e85a3-276594770>
4. Engineering Research Symposium—Hang Yang
   * Taking place on 2/5
   * 100+ presenters
   * 100+ judges (faculty and alumni from across the country)
   * Welcome remarks from Mary-Ann Mycek
   * Keynote is Professor Kon-Well Wang
   * Cash prizes (Towner winners will also be honored at CoE Leaders & Honors ceremony)
   * Sponsors: in2being, Lam Technology, OVPR, and CFE
   * ers.engin.umich.edu
5. Virtual Department Visit Days—Shira Washington
   * This year’s event will be virtual
   * Many departments are holding their visits in February
   * Reach out to your grad coordinator if you want to be involved in the planning
   * Ask an Alum—please let us know if you’d like to recommend alumni to participate
   * Student society session
6. Meet Your Mentor: Chat with a Grad Mentoring Program
   * Runs until March 31
   * 100 mentors—need mentors from Aero
   * 19 undergrads so far
7. Petition in Support of the Energy Institute—Victor Le
   * <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1b6dw0OYgRWqJWEH9l5cx0xq672DvpiX29xLnQfaYJAE/edit>
   * Distribute petition
   * Discontinuation was abrupt
8. Community Building
   * Zoom fatigue is one of the biggest barriers to students joining events
   * Suggestions to improve attendance:
     + Provide rewards for attendance at events
     + Announce that it’s OK if students need to leave early

* Many students are tired and are trying to clear activities off their calendars
* If workshops are offered they should focus on mental health or practical skills
  + Interested in a tax workshop
  + CoE & CCI Engagement Opportunities for Winter Semester <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GwJZydMjRkOR4ci1wxz6ZQKr8Ji-68s7K5V7jWdBV6w/edit>
  + Student Org COVID Policy
    - Restrictions for student groups: meetings need to be sponsored through OSA (talk to Mariah); need to have a safety policy; can hold meetings outdoors with groups of 20; have them take food with them instead of eating together
  + There is funding available for events (talk to Mariah)

1. Graduate Co-curricular Funding

* Talk to Mariah

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

2/18 Understanding, Responding and Dealing with Rejection (or Failure), 12:00-1:00, Zoom, Register by 2/16 at <https://forms.gle/Bd77Bcp7nhP1Q7Gf8>

3/30 Financial Fitness for Graduating College Students, Time 12:00-1:00, Zoom, Register by 3/26 at <https://forms.gle/FZm58W5jJ6ECNYJFA>

**FUTURE GSAC MEETINGS**

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

5/25, 12:00-1:30. Zoom

**ONE COOL THING**

**AP**

Movie nights

**BME**Price is Right

**CEE**Talk by Prof. Clifford Lampe on his research on the intersection of social media and misinformation; virtual “speed dating” event between our faculty and students — so students and faculty can get to know each other more

**ECE**We recently held a trivia night and we'll be participating in ECE's visit week soon (in February); we're considering planning a Michigan culture/experience workshop targeted for international students.

**EER**<https://eer.engin.umich.edu/events-seminars/upcoming-seminars/>

**GradSWE**  
We’ll be hosting our first ever virtual female faculty mixer

**GSBES**We are hosting a virtual black history month book club

**IOE**  
We have set up a department-wide gather town office with private, group, and communal work spaces.

**Macro**Running a snowman building competition through mid-March with a $30 prize for the winning team

**MSE**Working with UMMA for an art project; Workshop on patent law

**ME**  
One cool thing about the ME Department is that Professor Arruda was awarded the A.C. Eringen Medal, which is given annually by the Society of Engineering Science (SES) in recognition of sustained outstanding achievements in Engineering Science. She was recognized for her contributions in theoretical and experimental mechanics of macromolecular materials, including polymers, elastomers, composites, soft tissues and proteins, and in tissue engineering of soft tissues and tissue interface.

MEGC DEI committee is hosting a black history month book club; highlighting black students in community

**NERS**NERS Colloquia: <https://ners.engin.umich.edu/featured-events/colloquia/>

**OSUM**We received a large grant for our reach activities to celebrate the International Day of Light in May, will be planning throughout the semester. We are also planning to host a virtual Industry Spotlight event in March where we showcase different optics and photonics companies, career opportunities in industry, and in general facilitate networking between academia and industry. In the past, this event has always been in-person, and are working to determine how we can best execute it virtually this year.

**ROB**  
Moving into new building