**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**

**11/16/21 Meeting Agenda**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Carbon Neutrality—Grant Faber, [gfaber@umich.edu](mailto:gfaber@umich.edu)
   * Engaged with Clean Wolverines to do 2 reports, final report was President’s Commission on Carbon Neutrality (PCCN). It had lots of recommendations. Students’ input was ignored/systemically pushed away. These two initiatives were approved:
     + Revolving energy funds
     + Power purchase agreement
   * Global CO2 Initiative (GCI):
     + Student mentoring
   * On-campus projects:
     + Mcity concrete
     + DACCATHON
2. EnginTalks: Embodying Equity-Centered Engineering - 11/18 <https://diversity.engin.umich.edu/about/michigan-engineering-dei-summit-2021/>
3. University-Wide Climate Survey
   * Response rates are low
   * We are going to start a competition with LS&A to boost responses
   * Students may feel like their feedback isn’t valued and they won’t see the changes during their time on campus. Share outcomes with students from previous surveys. Emphasize prizes.
   * This year’s incoming class is more diverse than any in the past
   * Avoid micro-aggressions when writing the survey questions
4. Engineering Research Symposium
   * November 19
   * Details: <https://ers.engin.umich.edu/>
   * 66 poster presentations
   * Volunteer at <https://forms.gle/T6cSeG9RwFeDG9zJ8> by the end of TODAY
5. Lunch & Lab with a Grad Mentoring Program

<https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/lunchandlab/>

* Current session ends 11/30
* Grad students will be invited to volunteer for Winter semester session in December

1. Graduate Student Community Grant Program  
   <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-community-grant-program/>
   * Proposal deadline is November 30
   * So far, there are no applications
2. Miscellaneous
   * One Cool Thing—see below

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

12/7 Decoding Your Self-Criticism, 12:00-1:30, Zoom  
<https://forms.gle/j4YUsrgZ1e86p4SMA>

2/22 Making Small Talk, Johnson Rooms, LEC—*Details will be provided soon*

2/27 UM vs. Illinois Men’s Basketball Social, 2:00, Crisler Arena—*Details will be provided soon*

**FUTURE GSAC MEETING**

1/26 12:00-1:30, Johnson Rooms, LEC

**ONE COOL THING**

Aero GSAC is organizing mock prelims for the Fall candidacy exam session

BME has been hosting department tailgates

ChE completed a successful matching process between first-year students and their respective advisors. We celebrated with an outside BBQ at Island Park.

CLASP: had a bet to raise money for Washtenaw shelters by having bets on date of first snow

CSE hosted Trick or Treat day last Friday for Halloween with faculty, staff, grad students and undergrad students. It was very fun!

2. The ChEGS Outreach team has led three out of four FEMMES Fall Capstone experimental seminars with young female students (4-6 grade) from the greater AA area, Ypsilanti, and Detroit.

3. The Grad student - undergraduate student mentoring program (from our DEI Outreach Committee) hosted its "Meet Your Mentor" event where undergraduates had the opportunity to meet and network with graduate students in our department.

EER: On December 1st we will be having the last EER seminar of the semester by Inês Direito at the University College-London with the talk titled "Exploring Students’ Expectations towards and Experiences with a New Engineering Interdisciplinary Curriculum". You can find the list of upcoming seminars and registration [here](https://eer.engin.umich.edu/events-seminars/upcoming-seminars/).

G-SWE is planning a working parents' panel, the fall female faculty mixer, and some fun fall social activities like tailgates and pumpkin picking

MEGC put on a Halloween Social event in Downtown Ann Arbor with over 80 students in attendance!

OSUM is planning a holiday student-faculty mixer with games, crafts, and prizes.