**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**

**2/2/22 Meeting Minutes**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

* New Office of Student Affairs Interim Director—Kerri Boivin, [kboivin@umich.edu](mailto:kboivin@umich.edu)
* Carbon Neutrality Follow-up—Larson Lovdal
  + There appears to be a disconnect regarding who is responsible for implementing this commitment
  + The Student Sustainability Initiative is gathering student leaders to create a student mechanism to ensure student input is included in the processes established to get to Carbon Neutrality, including having input on the hiring of role related to this effort. The first event is on 2/15.
* Lunch & Lab with a Grad Mentoring Program

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

* This session ends on March 31
* 166 mentors
* 100 mentees
* COVID Guidelines  
  When planning your events, please consider this guide: <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/osa-covid-19-best-practices/>
* Ivor K. McIvor Award
  + Purpose: This award was established to honor the memory of I. K. McIvor, the late and last Chairman of the Applied Mechanics and Engineering Science Department at the University of Michigan. Each award includes a certificate and honorarium of $3000 and is made annually to one (or more) senior graduate student who has demonstrated excellence in research and scholarship in any area of applied mechanics. The award will be presented at the College Leaders and Honors Brunch during the morning of March 20, 2022.
  + Eligibility: Nominations are invited from any Faculty in the College of Engineering for any senior graduate student in the College whose research and coursework significantly reflect the disciplines of Applied Mechanics.
  + Nominations should include:

1. a brief letter of nomination from the student’s Faculty advisor

2. the student’s resume (including a list of seminars and publications)

3. a copy of a recent transcript (with GPA shown)

4. one sample publication (e.g. a journal article)

* + Selection: Selection is based on academic record and evidence of scholarly research, teaching and service as reviewed by the McIvor Award Committee. Deadline: NOMINATIONS ARE DUE FRIDAY, February 5, 2021.
  + Please e-mail (in a single pdf document) nominations to:

John Shaw (jashaw@umich.edu)

Professor of Aerospace Engineering

* Maize & Blue Cupboard on North Campus
  + U-M’s Maize & Blue Cupboard (MBC), the College of Engineering, Student Life, and Ann Arbor-based Food Gatherers will host North Campus mobile food distributions to make MBC resources more accessible for North Campus residents. The mobile distribution takes place at Northwood parking lot along Hubbard Road, near Murfin. (On North Campus maps this lot is identified as NW10.) COVID-19 safety and health guidelines will be followed.

Trucks will deliver food items to the parking lot where shoppers can pick up pre-bagged vegetables and fruit as well as non-perishables pre-packaged in boxes.

Reservations and a valid U-M ID are required to participate in the mobile distribution. We suggest participants bring a reusable bag or another method to carry groceries. Recipients should be masked and prepared to show their ResponsiBLUE results.

Sign up for a mobile distribution appointment on North Campus [here](https://sessions.studentlife.umich.edu/track/4414). Learn more about the Maize and Blue Cupboard [here](https://mbc.studentlife.umich.edu/2021/09/20/mobile-food-distribution-for-north-campus/).

* Graduate Orientation —April Hayes, [aprilmra@umich.edu](mailto:aprilmra@umich.edu)
  + They liked the escape rooms
  + They liked being in a big group event so they can have a better understanding of what their cohort looks like
  + Having it on Central Campus is fine
  + If you have any ideas for making orientation better, let April know
* Graduate Student Community Grant Program
* 12 proposals are being funded
* Look for activities at <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-community-grant-program/>
* Department Visit Weekends
  + March 10-12 & 17-19
  + Participating departments: Aero, CEE, CLASP, CSE, Macro, ME, MS&E, NAME, NERS
  + Expecting over 300 to attend
  + Call for volunteers will be coming shortly
  + Are each component be recorded and made available to those who can’t physically attend?
* Co-curricular Funding
  + Funding is still available through the end of the academic year. Please share this resource: https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-co-curricular-experiences-funding/
* Miscellaneous
  + Please use the GSAC calendar to post events and to see what is happening for grad students
  + One Cool Thing—see below

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

2/16 How to Network Effectively, 12:00-1:00, Johnson Rooms, LEC  
Register by 2/14/22, at <https://forms.gle/Dfye3QDgf6XsDSHt6>

2/27 UM vs. Illinois Men’s Basketball Social, 2:00, Crisler Arena—*unclaimed tickets will be available as of 2/20*

**FUTURE GSAC MEETING**

**ONE COOL THING**

**Aero:** coffee/bagel; a staff person has been designated for building community; pressured chair to address issues with exams, which led to a town hall meeting

**ChE:** meeting with prospective students to talk about grad school

**CSE:** improving communication between students and faculty; ice skating social

**ECE:** ice skating

**Optics Society:** after-school program; industry/outreach

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

**G-SWE:** industries presenting workshops, planning several events including faculty/student mixer

**GSBES:**Professional headshots and Black History Month activities

**IOE:** It was developing “Gather Town” for the IOE recruitment weekend??

**ME:** The Mechanical Engineering Graduate Council won a Graduate Student Community Grant to put on a book club where we will read "The End of Bias" and participate in discussions about DEI related topics.

**MEGC:**  skiing outing

**MSE:** “Getting Slimed” social

**NERS**: showed nuclear movies during “Nuclear Night”

**Rob:**  "Anonymous Autonomous" pop-up art demo, in partnership with STAMPS, where students can play with autonomous self-driving office chairs. K-12 outreach.