**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**

**7/22/21 Meeting Minutes**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*Action items are highlighted.*

# Introducing Lola Eniola-Adefeso, the new Associate Dean for Graduate & Professional Education (ADGPE)

* She deeply cares about graduate students
* She has an open-door policy
* Don’t be shy about approaching graduate chairs
* Use and encourage peers to use CAPS services and the CARE center
* Her team is committed to providing cultural awareness workshops
* Keep an eye out for funding and DEI opportunities from ADGPE and OSA

# What are you most looking forward to in 2021-22?

* + - Members are looking forward to getting back into labs, out in the field, and seeing their peers and advisors in person.
    - Excited to pull what we learned from the pandemic into making other experiences more accessible. For example, using hybrid formats to help those that are working in the field to still connect to campus.

# What are the biggest needs for grad students in the next academic year?

* + - Guidelines regarding teaching safely and the use of grad student office space
    - DEI training
      * + For Change it Up over 1000 volunteers have been trained (some grad students)
        + Request that this training be mandatory in some way
    - Immunizations for students right now is 78%

# International student visas

# Her office gets daily updates about visa concerns

# Works closely with International Center

# She will check with Rackham to see if they’ll provide more travel funds

# There are concerns for students with caregiving responsibilities and their challenge with returning to in-person events, providing childcare when the school system is not, and the costs that have come with these added burdens.

# Can we allow the additional care giving funding and resources to continue?

# 8/24 New Graduate Student Orientation

* + Student panel—need 4 (2PhD, 2 MS)—email [ajrose@umich.edu](mailto:ajrose@umich.edu) if interested
  + Student org tables— [Org Table Registration](https://forms.gle/BZvxK9j2hNAoZLUn6)
  + [Volunteers](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548A4A72EA3F94-graduate2) – please fill out this form if interested

1. Graduate Student Community Grants   
   <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-community-grant-program/>
   * Faculty, staff, and grad students were invited to submit proposals to fund events that will enhance the grad student experience
   * 16 applications were submitted, and all were funded
   * Watch the website for upcoming event details
2. Lunch & Lab with a Grad Mentoring Program  
   <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/lunchandlab/>
   * This program pairs grad students with undergrads to give them a chance to ask about grad school and to give a tour of their lab (if applicable), all while enjoying a free lunch
   * This program is on hold until it is confirmed if the restaurants will participate by accepting Munchie Money
   * If approved, grad students will be invited in August to register as mentors. Undergrads will be invited to join in September, and Andria will begin making matches soon after
3. Event and Gathering Guidelines for the Fall
   * CCI regulations have lifted and all groups are expected to follow University guidelines and the policies of the location in which they are holding events.
   * Information on best practices can be found here: <https://campusinvolvement.umich.edu/rsocovidbestpractices>.
   * Room reservation resources can be found here: <https://umich.instructure.com/courses/402672/pages/reserving-rooms-and-other-spaces-and-hosting-events>
   * Outside alumni, employers, etc. are allowed on campus.
   * Food should be individually packaged or distributed using a server.
   * Please keep in mind those that cannot attend in person events due to a variety of reasons and try to accommodate these individuals.
   * If you need PPE or if you have any questions, please reach out to Mariah Fiumara at [mariahmo@umich.edu](mailto:mariahmo@umich.edu)
4. Miscellaneous
   * OSA offers emergency funding (to help with travel, housing, transportation, food, etc.): https://scholarships.engin.umich.edu/
   * Share the Canvas orientation folder with GSAC so that departments can plan around resources we’re covering
   * Department GSAC vs. CoE GSAC (structures, share events, collaborate on activities)—add to our next agenda
   * Looking for grad students to join DEI advisory committee soon (~4 openings)—email [murabito@umich.edu](mailto:murabito@umich.edu) if interested
   * Encourage students to attend Engin Talks
   * OSA staff will be back to working in the office starting August 16
   * Invite CAPS counselors to our next meeting

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

8/5 Engineering Your Happiness, 8/5, 1:00-1:30, Zoom

<https://forms.gle/9kwQYwWg1MCcZrUo6>

9/? Virtual Presence: Standing Out Online, Johnson Rooms, LEC

<https://forms.gle/mMpqsVP2Y9bbTcJW9>

10/6 Develop Your Strategic Plan for Graduate School Success, 12:00-1:30, Johnson Rooms, LEC   
<https://forms.gle/Vrp2Q5pXeJStQAT26>

12/7 Stopping Self-Criticism, 12:00-1:30, Johnson Rooms, LEC  
<https://forms.gle/fo9Q5e6Eivvyo8FA6>

**FUTURE GSAC MEETINGS**

9/21, 12:00-1:30, Johnson Rooms, LEC (location is still tentative)

11/16, 12:00-1:30, Johnson Rooms, LEC

**ONE COOL THING**

*If your department or society is not listed below and you have something to add, please send it to* [*ajrose@umich.edu*](mailto:ajrose@umich.edu)*.*

Aero GSAC: Our DEI subcommittee organized a talk called ["Pandemics and Academics: COVID’s Impact on Women Scholars."](https://events.umich.edu/event/84279) The recording is located here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LFWR2QSkV7S-D58qolddcTfLLuSA4p1z/view?pli=1>. Going to Putterz soon.

BME hosted a social event and many people came out to hang out. It was a first outdoor event in a while.

ChE having a BBQ meeting

CLASP happy hours and trivia night

ECE: Planning outdoor activities each month throughout the summer, e.g. biking, hiking, floating, soccer, volleyball. A weekly in-person outdoor lunch, and it has gotten a steady number of attendees. One of our members (Kwesi) organized a scavenger hunt for the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

EER: ASEE national conference July 26-29th. This is virtual, and free for student members (it costs $30 for a student annual membership).

GradSWE has recently had a social that had lots of interaction. We also are part of the multi-organization book club on abolitionist teaching. We are also going berry picking, making virgin cocktail mixers, and planning the welcome dinner for new students!

GRIN is recruiting for its mentoring program. Sign-up here: [https://forms.gle/TcguuxyzLBp2LLdH9](https://forms.gle/TcguuxyzLBp2LLdH9?utm_source=GRIN+subscribers&utm_campaign=7ef8c3378a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_08_09_03_00_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5b9b2cf002-7ef8c3378a-)

MEGC is having an E-board ice cream social! We have about 60 mentor-mentee pairs and will resume in-person mentorship this academic year!

NERS: labs are reopening

Rob: BBQ and self-defense workshop