**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**

**9/21/21 Meeting Minutes**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Engineering Student Government— Mykel Dolinski, [mdolinsk@umich.edu](mailto:mdolinsk@umich.edu)
   * Having trouble recruiting and retaining grad students
   * ESG focuses on all CoE students, whereas Rackham Graduate School only covers grad students from across the University
   * How can they recruit more grads?
     + Invite a rep from each department to your next meeting
     + Shorten meetings or have them less often
     + List ESG accomplishments
     + They send a monthly newsletter
   * Should they dissolve the graduate program and just have a liaison between GSAC and ESG?
   * What events can they host to attract more grads?
   * How do they retain grads?
   * They give money to host events.
   * Would like more graduate student input for planning events for the College and for College wide initiatives such as revamping the Honor Code.
   * If you have additional thoughts or ideas or would like to connect with EGS, please email Mykel
2. Women in Science and Engineering Office—Victoria Alden, [vial@umich.edu](mailto:vial@umich.edu)
   * They fall under the Provost
   * They produce a newsletter for grad students
   * Support student groups
   * A lot of what they support is student-led
   * They want to expand their graduate program
   * They are looking for grads to help with their summer program
   * How can they help grad students get ready for their careers?
   * They want grad students to use them as a resource
3. DEI Requirements
   * Are these embedded within your department/program’s curriculum?
     + MSE is not
     + CLASP has opportunities to build in DEI
     + Required class in CSE
     + In Aero it depends on professors
     + Is there a 5th RCRS session that covers this? – Not at this time
     + Departments are waiting to hear from the top as to what to do/cover
   * Is moving in this direction, as a way to reach all CoE grad students with our DEI initiative, be something that you’d support?
     + There is consensus
     + Offer a program that fits for everybody
     + They can’t make it required for grad students
     + They are considering offering it as part of RCRS, but it would only affect PhD students
     + Having it at the department level makes it more adaptable
     + ECE says that offering it as an course would be too burdensome for SUGS students [and Master’s]
     + EER says to offer options that students can select one from
     + Change it Up is strongly recommended for grad students, but it is not required. They have trained 1500 facilitators. Their focus has been on anti-black racism, and soon an anti-Asian version will be available. If you want to be a paid ($20/hour) facilitator, let Debby Covington know (debmitch@umich.edu).
4. MSE GSC Events—Geordie Lindermann, [lindemge@umich.edu](mailto:lindemge@umich.edu)
   * Toolkit workshops
   * Speaker series – please share!
   * Attendee RSVP: [LINK](https://forms.gle/Z3TKXSUEAEg4xJRm6)
   * Speaker Sign-Up: [LINK](https://forms.gle/V5eMQpUvxbVbALhn7)
   * They are looking for departments/groups to collaborate with, please reach out to Geordie if interetsed
5. Engineering Research Symposium  
   <https://ers.engin.umich.edu/>
   * November 19
   * Abstract submission deadline is October 13
   * Poster submission deadline is October 20
   * Towner deadline is October 22 if you want to self-nominate (must graduate between May=December next year. Departments nominate 2 students to compete.
6. Lunch & Lab with a Grad Mentoring Program

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

* 183 grad mentors
* 236 undergrad mentees

1. Graduate Student Community Grant Program  
   <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-community-grant-program/>
   * Current programs on web
   * Proposals for winter session accepted November 1-30, please apply at the website above
2. Co-curricular Funding

<https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-co-curricular-experiences-funding/>

* + Non-technical conferences
  + Can support travel
  + Professional development

1. Fall Recruiting
   * Explore Michigan Engineering Research and Graduate Education (EMERGE)
     + October 28-30
     + Target select students
     + Deadline to apply is tomorrow
     + Could use help greeting at hotel on Thursday, hosting dinner and social activities Friday night, ask grad coordinators if they need help with department visit. Watch for volunteer sign-up form
2. GSAC Calendar
   * Calendar Link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y19sMThmNHAzOHJ0ZjVzMHVxNW1zbTdoNDB0a0Bncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>
   * You have individual access
   * Please add your events so that you all can collaborate and plan
   * GSAC Members and their emails: <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-advisory-committee/gsac-members/>
3. College of Engineering Participation in Carbon Neutrality—Larson Lovdal, [llovdal@umich.edu](mailto:llovdal@umich.edu)
   * Result of student activism
   * Would like to hear how CoE is involved in this initiative. We will bring a speaker on this topic for the next meeting.
   * If you have any other topics that you would like to hear from the College on, please let us know.
4. Miscellaneous
   * One Cool Thing—see below
   * During the meeting we gave out insulated water bottles as a thank you for your service on GSAC. If you didn’t get one, please go to Andria’s office M-W 7:30am-2:00pm to pick one up (145E Chrysler)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

9/28 Virtual Presence: Standing Out Online, 12:30-1:30, Johnson Rooms, LEC

* Registration shut-down at 86
* There is a waitlist

10/3 Ice Skating Social, 3:00-4:50, Yost Arena

* Registration shut-down at 486

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**

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

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

**ONE COOL THING**

Aero had a BBQ; coffee/bagels

AP is have outings at the park weekly; seminars with collaboration from LSA

CEE is having a welcome back ice cream social for our department — grads, undergrads, faculty, staff; scheduling lunch with faculty

CLASP had a retreat

CSE seminar series with a coffee hour right before; Michigan A1 symposium.

ECE had a large BBQ; planning bar crawls and lunches

EER is launching the EER seminar series for the Fall term the next day (September 22nd) with Dr. Trevion Henderson (registration can be found [here](https://eer.engin.umich.edu/events-seminars/upcoming-seminars/))

GSBES is having a picnic

IOE Seminar Series is starting; picnic

Macro kayaking this weekend; annual symposium will be virtual

ME is having an interpersonal skills workshop, along with a tailgate and a kayaking event; Hispanic month

ME Grad Council has organized was a Huron River kayaking trip with help from the Community Grant Program. We had over 70 grad students attend, and it was a great kickoff to the new semester! They also had an awesome orientation week and in-person activities were well-received.

We are planning to establish relationships with other student orgs for this academic year, so that our events become University wide.

Mentoring program

MSE meeting peers

NERS is scheduling graduate student recruitment events at Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) and Women's Colleges (WCs) that the NERS program has not previously visited.

Optics society had a picnic

Rob had the dedication for the new robotics building; archery, intermural teams