**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**

**5/25/22 Meeting Agenda**

[**Video**](https://umich.zoom.us/rec/share/1ZUyZtKN_b0Pw2rFyGXsTUi8Ut62_M4IphX6TwTtE5gUpxdfjDyWAsuBH9Oz-GzV.gRq2hDHjVF9-JSk1)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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* Introductions
* Welcome Brandon Lucas
  + New Director of Grad Initiatives
  + Starting June 13
  + Office located at 145E Chrysler Center
* Job Opening—Debby Covington ([debmitch@umich.edu](mailto:debmitch@umich.edu))
  + Seeking graduate student facilitators to conduct bystander training workshops as part of the Change it Up! to Stop Anti-Black Racism initiative
  + This is a paid opportunity
* Overview of GSAC
  + Mission and goals: <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-advisory-committee/mission/>
  + Member policy: <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-advisory-committee/member-policy/>
  + Member list: <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-advisory-committee/gsac-members/>
  + Do you have any comments about any of these?
  + GSAC reporting structure
* Collecting and acting on student feedback from your department
  + Mariah has a form that grad students can fill out before each GSAC meeting. The form and an email that can be sent out with it can be [found here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dqWGDqtWCpbLD0CcXEC-NLnu3C8-zRbztCWbE3Vk0Tg/edit?usp=sharing). Please let us know if you would like any changes. The changes suggested at the meeting have been incorporated.

Marketing GSAC and collaborative events—round tables

* + GSAC member should attend department GSAC meetings to share our purpose
  + Monthly email that gets sent to the students with Mariah’s form
  + GSAC should offer activities
  + Talk about it at department orientations
  + Offer town halls
  + Tabling around cafes, study areas
  + Reach out to grad coordinators
  + Have a booth at NorthFest
* Seeking a GSAC member to join the Student Carbon Neutrality Network (SCANN)—Larson Lovdal
  + SCANN brings together groups from around campus that focus on this topic
  + Larson is stepping-down this summer as the GSAC rep, so he’s looking for a replacement
  + Important to keep up the connection
  + Job opening
  + SCANN Mission Statement  
    The Student Carbon Neutrality Network (SCANN) is a network of student organizations sharing a common goal for a just transition to carbon neutrality. Through SCANN, we catalyze student engagement and advocacy across U-M’s three campuses to ensure the full and robust implementation of carbon neutrality. We accomplish this goal by coordinating ideas and leveraging our collective power to hold the University accountable to progress consistent with the urgency of the climate crisis.

SCANN is facilitated by the Student Sustainability Coalition’s collective impact team. Since SCANN’s inception in February we have already coordinated speakers at the Regents meeting, engaged with the University presidential hiring committee (including helping write a question for potential candidates), connected with Flint and Dearborn student governments, and connected student groups working toward a sustainability orientation/curriculum requirement.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to Larson Lovdal ([llovdal@umich.edu](mailto:llovdal@umich.edu)) with any questions!

* Summer Undergraduate Research in Engineering (SURE program)—Shira Washington (sjwashin@umich.edu)
  + <https://sure.engin.umich.edu/>
  + BBQ is June 24
  + Ice cream social
  + Grad school overview (virtual)—needs to put together a panel with 2-3 students who have participated in a summer research program; need to give a 5-minute talk then answer questions. Let Shira know if you’re interested.
* Graduate Student Community Grant Program—Andria Rose
  + <https://studentaffairs.engin.umich.edu/graduate-student-community-grant-program/>
  + Deadline to submit a proposal is May 31!
* Engineering Research Symposium—Andria Rose
  + <https://ers.engin.umich.edu/>
  + There has been a steady decline in the number of students who have been participating.
  + Is it time to retire this program and replace it with something else (like a leadership conference or some other professional development program)?
    - Due to COVID, students had to miss some conferences that they need to go to, so ERS has not been a focus
    - Maybe offer it earlier in summer
    - Many departments offer their own symposium
* Collaboration discussions
  + We did not get to this due to time. We may explore this at our next meeting.
* Miscellaneous
  + Summer social at Best in Games (BIG) <https://bestingames.com/>
    - Has to be held on a Monday-Thursday, from 12:00-4:00. What are your thoughts about this?
    - We’ll have exclusive use of the third floor, which includes kart racing, football bowling, and some arcade games—these activities will be free for students to use
    - There is also a designated area where people can hang-out and socialize
    - Students can pay to do extra activities on the 1st and 2nd floors during/after the social
    - Food areas should be open for students to purchase food/drinks from
  + One Cool Thing – see below

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Coming soon!*

**FUTURE GSAC MEETING**

7/27 12:00-1:30, Johnson Rooms, 3rd Floor, Lurie Engineering Center

**ONE COOL THING**

ECE BBQ and seminars

ME series of cultural dinners; picnic for new students

BME applied for a community grant, symposium, 5k

CSE just switched officers and are planning events for summer; applied for a grant; getting a new building

Rob panel of upper-level students gave feedback on qualifying exam presentations

CLASP most students are working out in the field; some events being planned; 8 REU Summer program students

GSBES transitioning, summer socials, Juneteenth

Aero BBQs, bowling, trying to get an official student lounge

NERS summer seminar series where students practice research presentations

IS+D students from other colleges come to give presentations on research

CEE picnic

ChE picnic