

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

- a.** Around-the-room introductions
- b.** Dean Laushway announces J. Milton Adams as 2017 Huskey Symposium Keynote Speaker
- c.** Reminder about details and purpose of Connections emails (Bailey Troia)

## **2. Updates and Reminders**

- a.** Next Meeting will be on March 13th due to Spring Break occurring during the first Monday of the month.

- b.** Doctoral Career & Professional Development (Evan Wolfe: Physics)

- Leadership at the university are exploring the idea of centralized service for all graduate students surrounding doctoral career and professional development.
- Currently seeking feedback from council on what is occurring or not occurring in their departments regarding this topic, and ways to improve.
- Young alumni mentoring and support networks based on career track (emphasis on alt-ac)

- 1.** GradDays to have alt-ac career panel

- Grad-to-grad student peer mentoring seems to be generally in place through out departments but what about grad to alumni mentorships.
- “experiential learning”

**c. Sexual Misconduct Policy and Modules (Benjamin Vaughan: Chemistry)**

- Grad students as mandatory reporters - formerly no clear distinction policy distinction
- Looking to put together panel of grad students to determine what we know vs. what we don't and help inform the Title IX team at UVA
- Advocating in-person mandatory training for T.A.s
- Leeza requesting names of people interested in helping during these talks.
- Looking for feedback from those who have received in-person training as T.A.s

**d. Upcoming Elections**

- March 13, 2017 will be elections for UJC and Honor. Will also determine open positions for GSASC.
- Official news: BIMS leaving GSAS and becoming a part of Medical School

- Potential for BIMS to continue to be a part of Grad Council needs to be determined asap.

### **3. Committee Updates:**

#### **a. Honor Committee** (Olivia Sabik & Stephanie Roe)

- Reaching out to graduate students for feedback about how Honor can better interact with grad students
- G.R.A.D: graduate advisory committee about how honor policies have affected graduate students
- Putting together Green-book about how Honor Committee works and is relevant to grad students and T.A.s – moving forward this month
- Actively looking for new members to become a part of Honor Committee

#### **b. University Judiciary Committee** (CJ Anderson & Niko Maffucci)

- CJ's seat to be filled.
- UJC has multiple things trying to work on including: language in Constitution – working to match language to UVA's exact policy regarding acts of bias
- Update "chairman" or "his" to be more inclusive

- Going to create a one-pager with Honor as a voting guide tutorial for grad students
- Nominations for Honor and UJC go to Leeza

**c. Initiatives Committee** (Brynn Cook & Alicia Buckenmeyer)

- Grad Guide Update
  1. Referral for what to do/where to go in Charlottesville
  2. Looking for international students' perspective
  3. Looking for those who use public transportation
  4. Looking for anyone who volunteers locally
- Health Insurance Update
  1. Met with ELSON and AETNA Student Health to discuss questions from grad students
  2. Putting together FAQ document
  3. Wrote a letter advocating for graduate students regarding premiums, deductibles, and pricing.
  4. Inquiry: temporary parking passes for students needed to get around while on crutches or otherwise complicate due to medical needs.

5. Injury shuttle available for undergrads but limited to housing on/near grounds

**d. Social Committee** (Akin Odeleye & Alexi Garrett)

- Summary January Event (Winter Formal)
  1. Great attendance from a variety of departments.  
Successful.
- Upcoming Events
  1. March 22nd: Happy Hour at Random Row (during GradDays) with food truck (6 – 9pm)
  2. March 24th: Happy Hour at Biltmore (6 – 9pm)
  3. TBD with other events based on budget: Thursday May 4th or Tuesday May 2nd
  4. Akin: motion to sanction the Social Committee
    - a. Denied: issue “warning” to turn in funding forms within 14 days

**e. Professional Development Committee** (Irene Cheng & Kelly Barford)

- Grad Days 2017
  1. Monday: Mindfulness day

2. Tuesday: Huskey Symposium

3. Wednesday: Diversity day

a. Looking for more LGBTQ faculty

4. Thursday: Professional development day

a. Open to more suggestions for career-tracks  
roundtable

5. Friday: more professional development

6. Saturday: BBQ

f. **Research Committee** (Cory Weller & Laura Woo)

· Huskey 2017

1. Working to make Huskey more accessible

2. Reminder: this is for GSASC to present research

3. March 21st 2 – 5pm (oral and poster presentations)

4. Posters coming out later than expected

5. GSASC to assist in funding poster printing

6. Looking for recommendations for judges

**g. Finance Committee** (Kristin Connor)

· Funding Requests

**1. Externals (3)**

**a.** UVA symposium of advocates for women in science– addressing challenges women face in academia

**i.** Requesting: \$400

**ii.** PASSED

**b.** English Department grad conference: “Making and Collecting”

**i.** Requesting: \$400

**ii.** PASSED

**c.** Graduate Bioscience Symposium

**i.** Requesting: \$400

**ii.** PASSED

**2. Internal**

**a.** Huskey Exhibition

**i.** Requesting: \$1200

**ii. PASSED**

**1.** Reimbursements: cannot reimburse anything over \$500 to any one human or any one place

**2.** (If you can, use a purchase order)

**b.** GradDays

**i.** Request: \$3786.62

**ii. PASSED**

**4. For the Good of the Order**

**a.** Questions/concerns: [leeza@virginia.edu](mailto:leeza@virginia.edu)