1. **Call to order**

Eugenia called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and presented agenda. No questions about the agenda.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the previous meeting’s minutes. Motion was seconded. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

1. **E-Board Updates (Eugenia / Co-Chair unless otherwise stated)**

Co-Chairs met with Student Government Association (SGA) to discuss potential for collaboration.

SGA-planned wellness week is occurring the week of December 3rd.

Met with JHUnions rep to arrange how to best work with Student Leadership and Involvement (SLI) office.

Lighting of the quads is coming up Thursday, December 5th. Goodies will be given to grad students who visit the GRO table. All are encouraged to GRO happy hour after.

E-board interviewed by JHU News reporter about the National Labor Relations Board rule change.

*Jack / Incoming Social Co-Chair - GRO engagement with LGBTQ life initiative Update:* Organizing 2 safe zone trainings led by Office of LGBTQ life to cover pronouns, resources for students, etc. In addition, the LGBTQ life office and GRO will be distributing rainbow ribbons to wear on Valentine’s Day. Also working together to create a survey focusing on trans/non-binary community on campus to inform updates on GRO website about JHU response to sexual-misconduct/assault.

Invited Dean Recroft to speak at next meeting about changes in summer/intersession course selection, but could not attend because they are stuck in Boston due to weather delays.

Letter about budget cuts to Women and Gender Studies Program has been sent to Deans Wendland and Roller. GC Rep noted wording of letter (where it says “requesting / demanding”) should be revised to select one of those words in the future.

*Jaime / Funding Chair - Travel grants update:* December funding lottery has opened. Budget allocation for travel grants has been increased by 3 this year. Will be moving application form from google forms to Hopkins group forms in upcoming year.

1. **Security Advisory Committee Update (Steph / Security Concerns Chair)**

Local crime map update is being developed.

Special response unit spoke at the last meeting. These are un-armed, SWAT-trained, emergency response people. The special response unit include therapy dogs which they are thinking of having on campus.

All are encouraged to register to vote in Baltimore City and follow the 12th and 14th district debates, as those elections are upcoming.

1. **Wellness Committee Update (Benj / Health Concerns Chair)**

Current goal is to consolidate Hopkin’s health and wellness resources across campuses; this may be a challenge since all campuses use different electronic health record systems. Planned updates include: applying similar training across schools, increasing access to health resources, consolidating academic calendars and electronic health record systems across schools, decreasing mental health stigma.

Eugenia / Co-Chair: Was there discussion of how current insurance / medical plans may change?

Benj / Health Concerns Chair: That wasn’t discussed as much. Discussion focused more on consolidating resources between campus.

GC Rep: Is there a plan to accommodate an increased demand at the counseling center?

Benj / Health Concerns Chair: The campuses do seem to be considering increasing hiring.

Daniel / Welcome & Guide Chair: I have heard that there are 5 positions that the Hopkins counseling centers are looking to hire.

1. **Coordinator Position Elections**

Was noted that GC can elect themselves. E-board members can be coordinators as well, and the E-board can vote on coordinator positions. The Co-Chair, Eugenia, will be acting as Elections Officer and reviewed how elections will proceed.

Motion to vote by hand was seconded.

1. **First position voted on: Graduate-Professional Students Appreciation (GPSA) Week Coordinator**

Two candidates were nominated, but were not present: Jessica Ma, Hamed Hooshangnej. Both were self-nominated candidates were e-mailed to attend.

Jessica Ma was voted as GPSA Week Coordinator.

1. **Second position voted on: Summer Sports Coordinator**

Voted on early to ensure we can make reservations in time.

 Two candidates were nominated, but were not present: Hamed Hooshangnej, Yashasvi Baweja. Wesley Yon, GC rep from Biology, nominated self.

Wesley Yon was voted Summer Sports Coordinator.

1. **Other Updates**

Daniel / Welcome & Guide Chair: Next PhD Advisory committee will be on next Wednesday, topic will be the newly published Diversity Report. An update by Daniel, the GRO E-board rep on the PhD Advisory committee, will be provided at a subsequent GC meeting.

Thank you to our Secretary, Shane Arlington, for such diligent note-taking. Your service has been noted and is deeply appreciated by the GC and the substitute note-taker, Wangui / Communication Chair.

1. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn unanimously passes. GC adjourns at 6:47pm.