



## Graduate Representative Organization GC Meeting Summary (October 21st, 2024)

- I. Call to Order and Agenda Review
- II. Approval of Oct 7th Meeting Minutes: [GC Minutes 10.07.24](#)
- III. KSAS Advocacy Team Update
  - A. Upcoming meeting with Vice-Dean to continue discussion around advisor-advisee system to capture student and advisor relationship and impact on students.
  - B. Also Sensitivity training for professors and faculty.
  - C. Graduate course evaluation strategy at the same meeting
- IV. WSE Advocacy Team Update
  - A. Meeting every other week on wednesday at 6:00 pm with zoom option
  - B. Currently 15 members and still soliciting for more
- V. Shared Governance Council Debrief by Chris
  - A. Discussed some outcome of the meeting relevant to the GRO including:
    1. Available study spaces with the closure MSE library for next 2 years:
      - a) Hopkins Club MSE Annex (book pickup and study spaces)
      - b) Brody Learning Commons
      - c) Hutzler Reading Room in Gilman (open 24/7)
      - d) Hodson Third Floor Boardroom – dedicated study room for grad students
    2. Changes to PhD thesis committee advising (three broad-scope members); ask if it has been implemented in any of the GC department
    3. Creation of two new award categories by the subcommittee on Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs
      - a) KSAS Dean's awards: Dissertation Prize Fellowship (due to Department DGS by Oct 25) - Majorly for 6th year students to support dissertation completion.
      - b) Scholar-Teacher Award Prize (due Oct 31) - To help mentor undergraduate looking to update similar research
      - c) Spring: Broader scope on education, academics, mentorship
    4. The New Institute for Planetary Health (JHIPH) has a strategic plan that is open for viewing and comments. Its goal is to support the global environmental problem
- VI. E-board updates
  - A. Co-chairs (Arman and Caroline)

1. Upcoming meeting with Vice - dean Chen and another with Vice-dean Chen and dean Celenza on Oct 23rd (12 - 1 pm) and Nov 19th (12 - 1pm) respectively.
2. Upcoming E-board with Provosts team hybrid meeting on Nov 25th (6 -7 pm)
  - a) Team include: Rachelle Hernandez, Kevin Schollenbrger, and Sabine Stanley
  - b) There would be 15 minutes discussion around questions to ask at this meeting next GC

B. Social Events

1. Halloween social hour on Nov 2nd (7:30 - 9 pm) at the leveraging lounge
  - a) Beer, soft drinks and pizza
2. Call for volunteers for the event and upcoming coffee hours
3. Pizza at next GC meeting

VII. Open discussion

- A. Chris: Issues using 25 live to book rooms in KSAS for personal use due to multiple approvals.
- B. Gabby: Provost advisory committee meeting coming up Thursday Oct 24th to discuss PhD admissions and changes to the benefit especially for international students.
  1. Update on outcome will be presented next GC

VIII. Adjournment

- I. Motion ID: 141