



Meeting Agenda - 10/05/2020

6:30pm, October 5, 2020 | Location: [Zoom](#) (Password: 818661)

Agenda

Division	Name
BSD	Sophia Horigan
BSD	Alexis Monical
Booth	Andrew Ericson
Booth	Prakriti
Booth	TBD
Booth	TBD
Booth (Non-Voting)	Vaidehi Joshi
Divinity	Bonnie Scott
Divinity	Olga Leitch
Graham	John Lee
Graham	Abhishek Yadav
Graham	Jainam Mehta
Graham	Annie Quarat Lin
Graham	Michelle Ling
Harris	Ridgley Knapp
Harris	TBD
Harris	TBD
Humanities	Aimee Gonzalez
Humanities	Natalie Farrell
Humanities	Andrew White
Humanities	Chu Kong Adrian Lu
Humanities	Matthew Hewett

Division	Name
Humanities	Josiah Caleb Herrmann
Law	Max Freedman
Law	John Bugnacki
Law	TBD
PME	Abigail Lauterbach
PME	Levi Bennish
Pritzker Med	Alonzo Jones
Pritzker Med	Sophie Son
PSD	Rhys Povey
PSD	Yanan Long
PSD	Sasha Warren
PSD	Elizabeth White
SSA	Derek Nettingham
SSA	Durrell Washington
SSD	Colleen Wohlrab
SSD	Maddy Oswald
SSD	Natalie Dowling
SSD	Mat Messerschmidt
SSD	Catherine Stockalper
SSD	Yingxuan Liu
SSD	Anna Rumer

Main Business

- Welcome
- Overview of UChicagoGRAD
 - Brooke Noonan & Beth Niestat (Presenters)
 - Work with all levels of graduate students
 - Providing infrastructure for the admissions process
 - Mechanics behind applications
 - Diversity recruitment
 - Lots of zoom fairs this year
 - Data related to admissions
 - Fellowship advising
 - One on one consultations
 - Personal statement consultations
 - DAB (Diversity Advisory Board)
 - Dana Boseman
 - Resources for Parents
 - Family resource center - a facility for meeting with other parents
 - Closed right now but will open when safe
 - Licensed Psychologist
 - Career Development - Preparation for Careers in Academia, Industry, Nonprofits, Government
 - Career advising by division/school
 - Job materials review
 - Preparation Programs
 - Job Fairs
 - Employer Relations
 - GRADTalk Public Speaking and Interviewing
 - GRAD Global Impact Internships
- Work closely with deans of all divisions - can enact change
- Jason - Faculty director for UChicago Grad
 - Connects us to the academic side of the university
 - The provosts' office has various committees and initiatives
 - We work with them to ensure student voices are heard
- Don't hesitate to reach out!

[Kimberly]

[Brooke/Beth]

UChicagoGRAD Functions

<p>Graduate Enrollment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions Outreach Group Diversity Recruitment Working Group Admissions Advising, Training, and Policy Application and Aid Process Recruitment and Yield Data and Reporting 	<p>Skills & Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fellowship Advising Writing Support Diversity & Inclusion Council on Advanced Studies (CAS) Family Resource Center (FRC) Graduate Council (GC)
<p>Career Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Exploration & Planning Job Application Documents GRAD Global Impact Internships/Externships Employer Relations Alumni Connections GRADTalk (Oral Communication Training) 	<p>Administration & Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRAD Administrative (Financial Wellness and payment support through GRAD Help) Policies Data Communications University Committees & Awards



- Representative Introductions and Divisional Updates (1-3 Summary Bullets)

[GC Reps]

- PSD - now the biggest division full time
 - Moving elections to spring
- Booth -
 - The year is kicking off will have more next time
- SSD -
 - Trying to reallocate seats to expand for masters students
 - Moving elections to spring hopefully
- Harris -
 - Serving as reps temporarily until the election in two weeks
 - No updates
- Humanities -
 - Three new reps elected six in case of absences
 - Will be having fall elections
- Law -
 - Electing third rep soon, call for candidates came out today
 - A full week in person, started a week earlier
 - Going well, high compliance
 - Physically signing out is a struggle
 - Green Lounge is open
 - One person per table
- BSD -
 - Labs running smoothly
 - Most at least 50% capacity
 - UChiVotes divisional voter registration competition
 - Working hard to maintain personal connections
 - Virtual paint nights, cooking classes, etc.
- Graham -
 - Setting up voting for new reps, as of right now same numbers as before
 - The first-week check-in meeting
 - Low attendance
 - Significant interest in increasing virtual social interaction
- Pritzker -
 - In person and remote work combination
 - Second years in pod classes with rotating in person
 - Elections coming up in the next two weeks
 - GC - Advocating for more student space

Division	Students	GC Seats	SG Seats
PSD	1333	4	2
Booth	1237	4	2
SSD	1189	4	2
Harris	822	3	2
Humanities	807	3	2
Law	708	3	1
BSD	456	2	1
Graham	434	2	1
Prizker	404	2	1
SSA	376	2	1
Divinity	284	2	1
PME	178	2	1
Total	8228	33	17



- Right now share spaces with undergrads
 - SSA -
 - Entering 100th year on campus
 - Social sector leadership program in non-profit management
 - Only two classrooms open in the building and students use QR code for tracking and tracing
 - Divinity -
 - Significant donations coming in for COVID relief
 - Started a pen pal program
 - PME -
 - Partnership with Chicago City College
 - Summer intensive prep courses and counseling with college admissions
 - Working to tie PME closer to the rest of the university
- Introductory Presentations by Exec Team [GC Execs]
 - Max Freedman - Executive Vice President
 - Membership & Internal Affairs Committee
 - To facilitate internal organization within the Graduate Council by aiding with adherence to governing documents
 - Committee: 5-10 students, including 2-3 reps, 2-3 students, 2-3 execs
 - Two meetings per quarter
 - Julia Seigel - VP of Marketing and Communications
 - Mission: to serve as a conduit between GC and the student body in an impactful and clear way and to make clear the goals and priorities of GC and its subcommittees
 - Responsibilities
 - GC Exec Check-ins
 - Website, social media
 - Exec/committee support
 - Specifically Health and wellness and D&I
 - Time commitment - about 2 hours but will vary based on events
 - Alexandra Salgado - VP of Community Initiatives
 - Community Initiatives Committee
 - Facilitate community building across the graduate student body and amplify the voice of graduate students through programming and GC representative input
 - Expect: All the fun
 - Structure: Biweekly meetings to decide on events, appoint event leads, and provide input on policy initiatives



- Taylor Raymond - VP of Social Programming and Events
 - Purpose: The social Programming and Events Committee hosts a collection of large-scale virtual events that bring hundreds of students together from all divisions
- Radhika Santhanagopalan - VP of Diversity and Inclusion
 - An empirical examination of inclusion in classrooms
 - Expect: Weekly meetings (about two hours a week)
 - Initiatives:
 - Intercommunity council meetings
 - D&I graduate Student toolkit
 - Incentivize faculty and students to take D&I focused workshops
 - Funding for D&I events on campus
 - Juneteenth 2021 full-day initiative and “do the work” campaign
 - High demand for this committee
- Nikita Mehta - VP of Health & Wellness
 - Newly created position
 - Health and Wellness Committee
 - Health and wellness committee works to address physical and mental health at UChicago from the perspective of both campus resources and climate through:
 - Fall quarter 1 - Diva Cups
 - 480 people interested thus far
 - Fall quarter 2 - Mental Health Awareness Week
 - Biweekly meetings
- Aabir Abubaker Kar - VP of Academic & Professional Fund
 - Fund serves the academic and professional development of UChicago graduate students
 - Disbursing GC funds towards A&P events or experiences
 - Connecting resources and streamlining efforts towards development
 - In 2019-2020 we supported over 40 successful events
 - Data collection and research on priorities and challenges
- Kyle Kurfurst - VP of Community, Social & Wellness Fund
 - CSW fund provides funding for graduate student groups and organizations at UChicago to plan and host events and programming that promote community building and wellness
 - Now more than ever the fund will serve graduate students as a source for community-building, social connection, and emotional support
 - Emphasis on events which encourage collaboration between different graduate divisions on campus



- Working closely with D&I and Health & Wellness
- Will Grubbe - VP of Travel Fund/Research and Professional Development Fund
 - Research Awards up to \$350
 - Virtual conference registration and/or attendance fees
 - Personal Development Awards up to \$150
 - Online courses or boot camps, networking events, open to suggestions
 - Neither fund covers any expenses related to travel or any personal items obtained without approval
- BY FRIDAY - Sign up for your committees
 - Everyone is required to participate in one
- Voting Items: [K/R/S]
 - Confirm New Exec Team
 - **Motion to approve all by unanimous consent**
 - Budget Distribution Approval
 - Same budget this year as last year - money rolled over from last year
 - Changes
 - Diversity and inclusion and health and wellness are new committees - money came out of the professional development fund (not needed this year due to COVID)
 - Discussion
 - Given world events - why does D&I have the smallest line item?
 - D&I doesn't put on events which require as much funding as say academic conference admissions or physical goods
 - Monetary value is not a reflection of our priorities
 - Admin fund can be used to supplement if demand appears
 - Diversity and Inclusion has spent \$0 in the past three years
 - Is there some information somewhere that depicts the breakdown of what any of these line items mean more specifically?
 - All transactions go through the platform WuFoo which maintains lots of digital records
 - All of these funds are additionally managed by a whole team of administrators
 - Social Programming & Events - if we're not doing events in person can someone explain what the money will be spent on?
 - These events are open to the entire university community and we hope to maintain the scale of these events despite the circumstances
 - Will the budget be reevaluated in the winter term?

- The numbers reflect what we're allocating to committees for the entire year, and there are measures in place to reallocate if needed
 - How much revenue from the student life fee?
 - We should have gotten less money due to the direct cut in student service fees but the administration has agreed to
 - Can we share this information with our divisions?
 - Yes! They are all available on the website.
- **Motion to pass by unanimous consent - PASSED**
- Representative Onboardings: [K/R/S]
 - Divisional Check-ins
 - Slack Migration
- Marketing Assistance: [Rohail/Julia]
 - GC Committee Applications
 - Distribute these applications to your divisions because that's how we get students!
 - Student Services Fee Waiver
 - CAN BE WAIVED for students who live and study more than 50 miles from campus
 - Students must manually opt-out of student services fee before Friday, Oct. 16 you can complete the request on my.uchicago by going to Finances - Account - Student Service Fee Waiver
- COVID SG Advisory Group [Kim]
 - Admin formed Student Advisor Committee - R/K/S serve as the graduate student members
- BoT Updates (SPS/Presidential Search) [Steven]
 - Student Perspective Series Meetings:
 - Fall meeting: Mixed grad/undergrad
 - Topic: remote learning of the future
 - COVID focused discussion on the lasting effects of virtual learning
 - Tentative winter meeting: higher education in the future
 - Presidential search:
 - Will kick off later in the fall quarter
 - There will be a formalized mechanism for student feedback
 - Trustee/Faculty committee established - see University's email
- GC Meeting Dates for Year [Kim]
- Ivy+ [Rohail]
- New Business

Adjourn

GC Meeting Dates for 2020-2021



<u>Autumn Quarter</u> <u>(Virtual)</u>	<u>Winter Quarter</u> <u>(Location TBD)</u>	<u>Spring Quarter</u> <u>(Location TBD)</u>
October 5 @ 6:30pm	January 11 @ 6:30pm	April 5 @ 6:30pm
October 19 @ 6:30pm	January 25 @ 6:30pm	April 19 @ 6:30pm
November 2 @ 6:30pm [SG]	February 8 @ 6:30pm	May 3rd @ 6:30pm
November 30 @ 6:30pm	February 22 @ 6:30pm	May 17 @ 6:30pm
	March 8 @ 6:30pm	May 31 @ 6:30pm
