



Meeting Agenda - 10/19/2020

6:30pm, October 19, 2020 | Location: [Zoom](#) (Password: 818661)

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

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| Humanities | Josiah Caleb Herrmann |
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| Law | Max Freedman |
| Law | John Bugnacki |
| Law | Richard Howell |
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| PME | Abigail Lauterbach |
| PME | Levi Bennish |
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| Pritzker Med | Jasone Thome |
| Pritzker Med | Hannah Carr |
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| PSD | Rhys Povey |
| PSD | Yanan Long |
| PSD | Sasha Warren |
| PSD | Elizabeth White |
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| SSA | Derek Nettingham |
| SSA | Durrell Washington |
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| SSD | Colleen Wohlrab |
| SSD | Maddy Oswald |
| SSD | Natalie Dowling |
| SSD | Mat Messerschmidt |
| SSD | Catherine Stockalper |
| SSD | Yingxuan Liu |
| SSD | Anna Rumer |

Agenda

Main Business

- Welcome [Kimberly]
- Grievance Committee Updates [Chris/Jon]
 - Chris Stamper and Jon Bullock
 - Committee on Graduate Education
 - One year focus group of grad students and professors about all of grad life
 - Hadn't been done since the '70s
 - Grievance policy - Will be shared by email CONFIDENTIAL to GC
 - Crafting a list of recommendations
 - Division and department overhaul as well as school-wide
 - What counts as a grievance?
 - Med schools have looked at this issue
 - Focus on Pritzker as a guideline of how things can be
 - What can be grieved officially vs. what can be solved through other means?
 - Formal and informal processes
 - The climate of openness and understanding
 - Student peer ombudsperson
 - Logistics
 - Timeline
 - Currently 28 days
 - Appeal process
 - Retaliation reduction
 - Process of checking in
 - Anonymous?
 - Written records to help build an understanding of what needs to be changed for the future
 - Central process
 - Annual reporting
 - Accountability - were processes followed?
 - Current Steps
 - Been taken to faculty senate committee
 - Now in widespread feedback phase

- Questions
 - Best way to give feedback?
 - Whatever you prefer!
 - Do students have access to any kind of counseling on their grievances before they might choose to file?
 - Hopefully through the peer ombudsperson
 - Deans of students are also a great resource
 - Department chairs are also an option
- Divisional Updates [GC Reps]
 - Booth
 - Two new first year GC reps
 - Ishanne Jalan
 - Chanel Walker
 - Breach of UChicago Health Pac
 - Apologies on behalf of Booth community
 - Working to spread testing
 - Harper and Gleacher closed for two weeks
 - All in-person programming is cancelled
 - BSD
 - Virtual recruitment
 - Diversity conference for minorities in STEM
 - Biggest force on campus for recruitment
 - Divinity
 - Swift CARE grants
 - Opened up limited in-person study spaces
 - Students still in need of more space
 - Graham
 - Absent
 - Harris
 - Elections are this week
 - Humanities
 - Law School
 - One new Rep
 - Richard Howell
 - Significant turnover in the dean of students office
 - PME
 - Research is continuing in ERC and other buildings
 - Approvals for accommodating training as first-year students join the lab
 - A faculty member was elected to the national academy of medicine
 - Pritzker

- New Reps
 - Jason Thome
 - Hannah Carr
 - Transitioning leadership of orgs
 - Looking for a non-undergrad study space
 - Concerns of isolation once winter starts
 - PSD
 - Most classes are online but research is continuing
 - Expanding virtual events
 - Also giving food bags now if you can deliver safely
 - SSA
 - Among Us hangout night
 - Working on a new benevolent fund with leftover money from next year
 - SSD
 - Some turnover in reps
 - Catherine Stockalper
 - Yingxuan Liu
 - Colleen Wohlrab
 - Supporting large masters programs
 - A panel of Ph.D. students
 - Lots of great feedback on the Diva Cup initiative
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- Exec Updates [GC Execs]
 - Max Freedman
 - None but looking forward to meeting committees members tonight
 - Looking forward to helping GC bond
 - Julia Seigel
 - Excited to meet the committee
 - Taylor
 - Getting programming off the ground
 - Alex
 - Send cool ideas even if not on the committee!
 - Radhika
 - Talked to CCT for incentive system on pedagogy training
 - Cost evaluation
 - Grievance form
 - Also idea/feedback form
 - Books to spark community and dialogue
 - Nikita
 - Diva Cup

- Moved forward with the funding
 - Receiving in the next few weeks
 - Distribution and training is being planned
 - Mental Health Awareness Week
 - November 10th - 13th
 - Look for an email for registration for the event this week
- William
 - We have around 12 applications so far
- Aabir
 - Only one application so far
- Kyle
 - Had first deadline Oct 9th
 - Want to expand applications
- Ivy+ Debrief [GC Execs]
 - State of the Campus
 - We have the strictest food and in-person restrictions than peers
 - Princeton is close though for comparison
 - Doing more in programming than Peer institutions
 - They were also very space-oriented so we are in good company
 - Only University for free Grad Gyms
 - No Grad student housing unlike other schools
 - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
 - A support system of other universities
 - Holding institutions accountable
 - Community Building
 - Everyone is struggling with engagement
 - Hoping to use more funding for food
 - Leverage whole Ivy plus network for student connection
 - International Student Affairs
 - Schools are taking a more active stance on International student issues
 - Brown - transitional stipend to help with fluctuating exchange rates
 - Concerns of isolation/lack of community
 - Especially for first-time students in the US
 - Mental Health & Wellness
 - Some schools have International Student specific counselors
 - UChicago is doing well comparatively
 - Princeton - applied for a grant to hire more counselors
- New Business [All]
 - GC Rep Onboardings



- Presidential Search
 - Assurances for student feedback and input
 - Won't really get into full swing until Winter Q
- UChiVotes
 - Share, post, and talk to people!
 - Will be a prize for the top division
- Committee Breakout Rooms

[All]

Adjourn

[Minutes from the Last Meeting](#)