

## Grad Council Meeting – 11/25/19

### Rep Reports

- BSD
  - Working w/ Dean's council to address issues raised in previous survey
    - Complaints regarding consolidated mental health services
- Booth
  - GBC seated first year reps on committees
  - Wrapped up BoothGiving program, raised 7000 dollars for Chicago Food Repository
  - Working with Dean on diversity-related initiatives
    - Including recruitment policies
  - Believes Booth is not well aware of grad council, looking for suggestions from other schools regarding
- Divinity
  - No Reps Present
- Graham
  - New GC reps
  - Want to make sure Graham is represented on GC and that Graham Students are aware of GC
  - Working with Dean to build relations between Grad
- Harris
  - Town Hall on Diversity and Inclusion
    - Discussed results of DIAB survey
    - Generally went poorly, several kinds of frustrations
      - Took over one year to tabulate survey results and publish findings
      - Non-binding recommendations
      - Overly long timeline for several recommendations
  - Gala Feedback
    - Complaints regarding:
      - Food not labeled, not enough
      - Coat check was good
- Humanities
  - Dean of Students Advisory Board intends to
  - Divisional meeting
    - Centered on Title IX enforcement
  - Developments regarding funding plan
    - Department needs divided from pedagogical training plans
- Law
  - LSA pressuring dining contractor to revisit certain aspects of cafeteria
  - Diversity and Leadership network met with admissions, responsible for coordinating affinity groups
    - Stepping up HBCU and international recruiting efforts
- PME
  - Friendsgiving organized in order to enhance community, esp wrt to intl students
- Pritzker
  - Meet with UCNC a few weeks ago
    - Med-school specific spaces

- Gala Feedback
  - Taken aback by sudden price increase, lack of transparency regarding justification and timing
- PSD
  - Dean's Student Advisory Council has regular meetings with new Dean of Students
  - Local social committee has negotiated a \$1500 stipend (used for official purposes) for local student government members
- SSA
  - No Reps Present
- SSD
  - In conversations about new funding model and mentorship review
    - Spread of information limited to certain programs (lab-based programs)
    - At Social Thought program meeting, parents expressed concern that spe
  - Gala Feedback
    - Beautiful setting
    - "Disgruntled" comments regarding no. of tickets and timing of price change
  - Some students want increased police presence during h

#### Executive Team Reports

- Social Culture and Wellness (Thulasi)
  - All applications will be online
  - Looking for more funding applications
  - Reminder: Greater diversity in schools for events increases likelihood of receiving funding
- VP of Community – Maddy
  - Diversity – Natalia Khosla
    - First time at GC
    - Aim to break down some of the physical school silos
    - Campus-wide orientation tour suggested
- VP of Social Events and Programming – Kimberly
  - Gala Presentation
    - Successes
      - Crystal Gardens is most cost-effective off-campus venue
      - Free Transportation; 20% of attendees used buses
      - Inclusivity initiative
      - Good vendors (although the line for photos is too long)
      - Good DJ
    - Lessons
      - Escalating Demand
        - Will be more clear about ticket limitations in the future
        - Didn't anticipate demand spike near the deadline
      - Increase awareness before ticket sales
      - Variable scheduling

- Ideas
  - Corporate sponsorship
    - Booth and Law School student organizations often have corporate sponsors
  - Refund/Waitlist Policy
    - Stepping up awareness regarding ticket refund
    - Ticket Resale/Transfer
      - Hesitant because of risk of resale at profit
      - Also complicates statistics regarding attendance by division
      - Harris disproportionately represented at most events (about 30% of attendees), Harris students would be more able to
  - Multi-Year Contracts
  - More formal activities
    - Poker table suggested

#### **Updates from the Floor**

- Rohail: First trustee meeting (Crown)
  - “engineering is here to stay,” now a necessary pre-req for other scientific disciplines (biology, chemistry, physics).