

Grad Council Meeting  
02/24/20

**Representative Reports**

BSD

- workshop series

Booth

- Just had Booth Winter Formal
- Preparing Diversity Week

Divinity

- Therapy service (less talk)
  - anonymous service
- Group going to art museum

Graham

- Hekasan
- Gave alumni subsidy to travel to Hyde park campus

Suggestion from Katrina: Send event info to VP of the Committee of Marketing

Harris:

- Thurs (2/20): Harris After Hours (more academic focus)
- Fri (2/21): Admitted student Day
- HSG is working on getting STEM for MPP
- A lot of students applying for Travel Fund because of the Spring Career Trek
  - Harris Profession Travel Fund is not enough

Humanities:

- Dean student advise report meeting last Friday
  - Students were not satisfied because generalized statements rather than written answers
- Opened up travel fund for grad students
- shortage of the teaching assistance
  - will think about senior year students

PME:

- Events last week and this week
- PME apparel
- Enrollment
  - Current class: 60

- Incoming class: 120

Thoughts on school expanding & not enough funding to accommodate their needs

Largest five divisions: 3+ Reps

Pritzker:

- More attention on Low-income & Disabilities
- Quiet study area
- Anxiety of Med students
  - Trying to get more resources to help with students' mental health

PSD:

- Interactive events with the Dean

SSA:

- Trying to get 2 more Reps next year

SSD:

- Social aspect of schooling
- Shortage of the teaching assistance

### **Executive Team Updates**

- VP of Travel fund
  - 23 small programs
  - We have more capacity for more applications
  - From reimbursement application to check sending out: 2-3 weeks
    - compared to previous years when it takes 6 months to send out the checks
  - Been hearing about good reviews
- VP of Finance
  - STW fund
- VP of Travel
  - Final touch on students' survey of traveling
- VP of Community:
  - Magic show event: good turn out
  - 380 responses
- Diversity Chair

- Absent & no report
- VP of Marketing and Communications
  - Have reached out to the LAM groups
  - Took more time than expected
  - Next step: collect the data
  - At the end of the academic year: promote the housing info website
- VP of Social Events and Programming
  - 490 (not as good as the previous years)
    - Reason 1: speed dating same night
      - How to avoid the time conflict in the future?
    - Reason 2: more informal events
  - Good discount from the FIELD Museum

### **Reps' thoughts about working with GC**

- Committee should make things more transparent
  - (Diversity & Inclusion)
  - Should have more communication about what they are doing
- About undergrads' speech on 2/10 & assembly on 2/12
  - not well-informed
- Executive team report should be more specific & detailed
  - more graphical presentations by executive team in the future
- More info about how funding distributed to all these different events
- Continuity & cohesiveness
  - understand what everyone else has done
  - Financial statement be made available to other people to review?
  - Year-on-year comparison
  - Starting from this year, we keep everything documented

### **Fuel for the Mind/Body/Wallet Project Presentation**

- shopping smart & food insecurity
- strong awareness among undergraduates but not among grad students
- To make healthier & more affordable food choices
- Provide a place for grad students (and other students in UC) to ask questions about how to spend money smarter on healthier food
  - Budgeting
  - Shopping Smart (tailoring to Hyde Park specifically)
  - Cooking Demonstration

- Grad Student Experiences
- Request Reps' help to send info out through every division
  
- Feedback from Reps
  - Check with other orgs on campus
  - Tax credit for students in school who are not making much money
  - Cooperate with Health Promotion & Wellness

#### **Updates from the floor**

- Transportation & Advisory Board meeting next Tuesday (Justin & Katrina)
  - Welcome to attend if having strong thoughts
  - Could also send thoughts to Katrina
- Applying for Executive Board on Grad Council (election & approval of positions at the end of the next quarter)
- Provost meeting on Wednesday 2/26
  - Could ask about enrollment of different divisions
- Meeting w/ board trustees on Thursday 2/27 (Rohail & Justin)
- Feedback on Grad Student space (1st day: 4/6)