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Thursday, November 10th, 2016

5:10 PM – 6:05 PM

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1) Administrative Business (5 minutes)

- a) Attendance
 - i) Anna
 - ii) Manisha
 - iii) Richard
 - iv) Frank
 - v) Alex
- b) Approval of Minutes from 11.03.2016
 - i) Approved by unanimous consent

2) New Business (45 minutes)

- a) Guest: Janna Lamey (40 minutes)
 - i) Alex recapped what the committee has been working on so far.
 - (1) Maplewood Resolution
 - (2) Cornell Plantations Renaming Resolution
 - (3) SAC discussed sending and providing the option to grad students for SAC to be a support system for students going through the grievance process
 - ii) Current SAC projects
 - (1) SAC is discussing updating the resource list
 - (2) SAC is creating an online submission form for graduate students to send questions/comments/concerns to SAC
 - iii) Janna commented on the Ask the Dean Questions they have received.
 - (1) They have been posting the questions they can (i.e. those that are not highly specific/individualized) online so graduate students can see the response.
 - iv) Manisha suggested that the Graduate and Resource List the SAC is compiling may not be as useful as just trying to send these questions directly to SAC.
 - v) Richard suggested that a more compact list may still be useful, the question of whether this would be a duplicate of the Graduate School Resource List.
 - vi) Jana and Richard suggested that having a direct link to student advice could be more useful.
 - vii) Manisha suggested that we could provide graduate student feedback on current resources.
 - viii) Richard suggested that we could have an online forum board. Anna replied that moderating a forum board is a lot of work, and that it might not be a good way to spend our time.
 - ix) Frank asked how the current Graduate School Resource List currently looks. Jana provided a brief summary of the resource list. Frank commented on how, as social media chair for the BRB, he is serving as a pseudo-communications chair for the grad school. He commented on how we have to be smarter about creating a more digestible format for the resource list.
 - x) Richard said that the benefit to a GPSA resource list is that this list will be relevant to both Graduate and Professional students while the Grad School Resource list is tailored to Graduate students. Richard continued by saying that we need to determine if the professional schools have similar resource lists, and, if they do not, we need to determine whether or not they know that

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- they can go to the Grad School Resource List.
- xi) Anna suggested that we need to know about which resources are best suited for sensitive topics, where privacy is a big concern. Feedback that students can provide to other students may be extremely useful.
- xii) Frank suggested that creating targeted guides may be more useful than a generic resource list.
- xiii) Jana mentioned that she is going to try and send SAC the questions that will be on the Graduate Student Experience Survey.
- xiv) Manisha asked Jana about the possibility of sending out a Physical and Mental Health survey to graduate students in order to obtain information about this topic.
- xv) Richard asked Jana about how to get more information from Gannett in regards to parking, access to doctors, student advisory committees. Jana suggested that we compile a list of questions and send it to Sharon Dittman or Catherine Thrasher-Carroll.
- xvi)
- b) Future Agenda (5 minutes)
 - i) Bystander Intervention
 - (1) Laura Santacrose; Catherine Thrasher-Carroll, Gannett
 - ii) Resource List
 - iii) Gannett Parking Resolution?
- 3) **Open Forum (5 minutes)**
 - a) Anna asked how to react to recent events, and Jana suggested that it would be nice for the GPSA to reach out and send a message to the graduate student community.