

## PhD Leadership Meeting Minutes July 18th, 2022

### Deans' Updates (10 minutes)

#### **Sr. Assoc. Dean for Graduate School Administration** *Brad Gano*

- Organizes graduate school staff and has no updates currently

#### **Sr. Assoc. Dean for Student Affairs and Career Development** *Basil Hanss*

- Starting in the next few weeks, Student Affairs will start having presentations with the MTA students about the mistreatment policy and process
  - Raise awareness for this process and get a more realistic number of reports
  - Probably will host an event during orientation for all incoming students
  - First week in August, Basil will be presenting to the MTA directors
  - Maybe ask postdocs to be involved with these sessions as well
- Orientations: Be on the lookout for emails about orientation scheduling
  - Orientation is August 9, 10, and 11
  - Released orientation schedule is here:  
<https://gradschool.mssm.edu/2022-august-graduate-student-orientation/>

#### **Director of Postdoctoral and Student Affairs** *Matt Cipriano*

- Absent

#### **Sr. Assoc. Dean for PhD Programs** *Matthew O'Connell*

- Continuing to prepare for the academic year and the new recruitment season
- Already scheduled webinars for prospective students
- MTAs and Matthew may be reaching out to students to be involved with recruitment sessions
- "Where are they now?" alumni sessions are in the works: Aimed at recruitment but may be recorded
  - Discussions may be had about planning alumni sessions for current students as well so that they have a more targeted networking opportunity
- August 15th: First BMS lecture!

### **THAW** *Bryce Rowan, Mackenzie Langan (2 minutes)*

- THAW Summer events: Game Night on July 28th
- PEERS: Gearing up for orientation, taken a summer pause and will be starting to meet again in the first week of August

### **URiSM** *Qixiu Fu (2 minutes)*

- Student survival guide feedback has been helpful and has been incorporated
- Update information to be MTA inclusive
- At the end of July, the plan is to transfer ownership to Peer Mentorship for distribution and upkeep
- Brad Gano has volunteered to be a final reviewer
- Adriana Mendez, the Student Council URiSM representative, has been contacted to appoint a second PLM URiSM Representative

### **Graduate Steering Committee (2 minutes)**

- Update from Brad:

- Marta Filizola, Brian Nickerson, and others in GSBS leadership have been looking at the committee structure and role moving forward
- Current plan: There will be a replacement committee, may be under a different name and/or have different functions/oversight
  - Any new committee would include student representation

**Student Affairs** *Pushkala Jayaraman (2 minutes)*

- Zoom panel for International students the week of the 25th for those flying into the United States
  - Found a panel of 3 international students (3rd and 4th years) and waiting to hear from more

**Student Council** *Alexandra Magee, Anina Lund (2 minutes)*

- Getting ready for the new year and planning an exciting year with the Deans
- There are meetings in place to plan the Welcome Back Dinner
  - Many rising second years are involved in the planning and will be present
  - Maybe discuss including rising third years or planning a new dinner

**Feedback Form Discussion** *Alexandra Magee (5 minutes)*

- Carisse and Ally are planning a time to meet and discuss how to collect and parse through student feedback

**PLM Discussion** *Sally Claridge (10 minutes)*

- Establish a new meeting time for the upcoming year: Will send out a Doodle poll with options for MTWRF 8-9:30am or 4-5:30pm

**Wrap-up** *Sally Claridge (5 minutes)*