

# Graduate Student Senate Meeting Agenda

## Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 7:00 pm

### Liberman Graduate Center (DUC 300)

---

#### Meeting Agenda

Welcome dinner and drinks for senators and executive board start at 6:30 pm.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Discussion about the Diversity and Advocacy Committee
  - Remarks by chair of GPAC, Marina P. Gross
    - i. Backing from the CDI
    - ii. Funding is for educational outreach, not events
    - iii. GPAC does the work of the Diversity committee for the entire graduate and professional body, not just Arts & Sciences
    - iv. Speaker series on diverse topics upcoming
    - v. Question: How is GPAC going to be different than just the committee, are we collaborating?
      1. Last year, GPAC was a building year. This year is the growing year. GPAC is going to everybody. Will still have some of the same Diversity committee events.
    - vi. Question: How was the committee working before?
      1. Things that the committee did before: Diversity forum (has not happened the last two years), climate survey (CDI is going to take that on), poster campaigns on certain issues (GPAC is doing this also), trans-inclusive classroom posters (GPAC is updating that).
      2. GPAC has more continuity.
    - vii. Question: What are the equivalents of our committee in other bodies doing?
      1. As far we know, Danforth and Med campus don't have a similar committee. There used to be a diversity council on the Med campus (possibly not existing anymore).
    - viii. Question: Is there a goal of how many times you will get to each department?
      1. Not all departments every semester. Goal this year is to get people to know that there is a professional channel for graduate students.
  - Discussion on the Diversity and Advocacy Committee
    - i. Tabling this discussion until November
- III. Remarks by Erin Murdock, Director of Graduate Student Affairs, The Graduate School
  - Rachel Pepe is setting up meetings with Erin and student leaders in order to make the graduate services more robust
  - Open House, October 30th, 3-5pm
  - <https://grouporganizer.wustl.edu/event/4962401>
- IV. Election of the Vice President of Programming and Publicity
  - Description will go out in the newsletter, get someone in your department on board!
- V. Discussion on graduate student childcare concerns
  - Issues:
    - i. You can't fill out the application for the childcare subsidy unless your child is already in childcare.
    - ii. Travel fund for graduate students to bring their child to conferences and/or childcare while they are away.

**Graduate Student Senate Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 7:00 pm**  
**Liberman Graduate Center (DUC 300)**

- iii. Clarification about the family leave pay, but there is no official policy for stopping the clock.
  - iv. Publicity or information about lactation rooms around campus, swiping in to lactation rooms in some buildings, easy accessibility.
  - v. Childcare in the library
  - vi. New developments in the east end?
  - Homework: Find out what is available in your building! Access, space, etc.
- VI. Upcoming meeting topic ideas
- University-sponsored travel grants: what's available, where you apply for it, reimbursements/pro-card or other avenues.
  - Stipends for graduate students (bringing back Dean Tate to talk about that).
    - i. Things to think about: Those on the merit-based university fellowships (in the Brown school) did not get the same bump everyone in the school got. All students are on the same level.
    - ii. Masters stipends were cut and there are departments that require a masters before entering the PhD program.
    - iii. Bonuses for getting outside fellowship (where to get it, who can get it)
    - iv. Breakdown the each department's funding?
  - Teaching requirements - being called Assistant to Instructor, but being in charge of the entire class (no instructor outside of you).
- VII. Upcoming Events
- Graduate Professional Council General Body Meeting
    - i. Monday, October 7th 7:00-8:00pm in Liberman Graduate Center (DUC 300)
    - ii. Dinner and drinks served at 6:30
  - GPAC presents "Diversi-Tea: A No-prep Discussion Group" Center for Diversity and Inclusion (DUC 150)
    - i. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday starting October 8th from 4:00-5:00pm
  - [Register for the Three Minute Thesis \(3MT\) Competition](#)
    - i. Event will be held Wednesday, October 16th 4:00-5:30pm in Umrath Lounge
    - ii. Deadline to register October 8th
    - iii. Register at [https://wustl.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4YIj2tyEBOOU9Ct](https://wustl.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4YIj2tyEBOOU9Ct)
  - Apply for a GSS Travel Grant
    - i. Must participate in 3MT Competition
    - ii. Deadline to apply October 8th
    - iii. Apply at <https://forms.gle/oLnWveNjpQKgRULW6>
- VIII. New Business
- If you are a senator, you must be on a committee. If you are not on one, expect an email.
    - i. Committee that need more members:
      1. Professional Development Committee
      2. Committee on Interpersonal and Sexual Violence Prevention Through Advocacy
      3. Off-campus Housing
    - ii. If you are interested in signing up for a second committee, please email [gss@wustl.edu](mailto:gss@wustl.edu)
  - Teaching Center event, October 29th. Afternoon? Disability awareness in teaching. More information to come.

**Graduate Student Senate Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 7:00 pm  
Lieberman Graduate Center (DUC 300)**

- What is the change to the graduate student group alcohol policy?

IX. Adjournment

**If you ever cannot attend one of the GSS Monthly Meetings, please send a replacement from your department to attend in your place.**

*If you wish to be placed on the agenda in advance of the meeting, please contact our VP of Communications Amanda Price (acprice@wustl.edu). The GSS welcomes and encourages participation in its discussions. If you have an issue that you would like the entire senate to discuss, please feel free to bring it to our attention.*

---

**Calendar**

*November 5*      **GSS Monthly Meeting**  
7-8 pm @ Lieberman Graduate Center

*December 3*      **GSS Monthly Meeting**  
7-8 pm @ Lieberman Graduate Center

*February 4*      **GSS Monthly Meeting**  
7-8 pm @ Lieberman Graduate Center

---

**2019-20 Graduate Student Senate Executive Board**

Thomas Howard – Co-President  
Rebecca Jordan – Co-President  
Amanda Price – Vice President of Communications  
Mark Sellers – Vice President of Finance

**Contact**

thomas.howard@wustl.edu  
rebecca.jordan@wustl.edu  
acprice@wustl.edu  
mark.e.sellers@wustl.edu

---

GSS Website: [gss.wustl.edu](http://gss.wustl.edu)

GSS WUGO: [grouporganizer.wustl.edu/organization/gss](http://grouporganizer.wustl.edu/organization/gss)

Facebook/Twitter/Instagram: @GSSwustl

GPC Website: [gpc.wustl.edu](http://gpc.wustl.edu)

Lieberman Graduate Center: [graduateschool.wustl.edu/liberman-center](http://graduateschool.wustl.edu/liberman-center)