

Meeting Minutes  
11/18/21

- Janeala Morsby (*GSG President, Biochemistry*) asked for motion to approve October meeting minutes
  - Lauren Lunday (*GSG VP, Sacred Music*) motion to approve
  - Subash Gamage (*Academic Affairs Chair, Chemistry & Biochemistry*) seconded the motion
- Committee Reports (See agenda packet)
- Morgan Munsen (*Psychology*)
  - Asked turn around time for club funding request
  - Xing Jie Zhong (*GSG Co-VP, Computer Science & Engineering*)
    - Probably by the following day after request has been submitted
- Ola Abdalsalam (*Electrical Engineering*)
  - Asked when Jingle Bell Ball tickets will be available
  - Tickets can be purchased beginning Monday, November 22-December 2 thru Student Shop ND
  - Jingle Bell Ball rules
    - Event is 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
      - Dahnke Ballroom, Duncan Student Center
    - Must show up by 8:30 p.m.
    - If you leave, you will not be permitted re-entry
- Mimi Beck (*Director, Graduate Student Life, Advisor to GSG*)
  - Explained what dining hall has offered this year for Thanksgiving
  - Take & Bake option that is way out of GSG budget to make affordable for grad students
- Morgan Munsen
  - Suggested students willing to host for multiple people
  - Suggested GSG help subsidize this or at least encourage this option
- Zachary Eberhart (*Social Chair, Computer Science & Engineering*)
  - We don't want food insecurity issues
  - There are resources available
- Kathryn Morris (*Social Chair, Biology*)
  - Brought up issue of lack of sidewalks outside of campus
- Morgan Munsen
  - Science Policy Initiative at Notre Dame (SPI@ND - a grad student club) currently working on a policy memo for the City of South Bend examining public transport & concerns on lack of sidewalks
  - Email Morgan ([morgan.munsen@nd.edu](mailto:morgan.munsen@nd.edu)) to join to be a part of this project
- Mattia Boccuti (*Romance Languages & Literatures*)
  - Heard The Landings at Notre Dame is raising rent
  - Mimi will find out contact to email in regards to this
- Annie Conaghan (*Keough School of Global Affairs*)
  - Question about hybrid classes moving forward

- Said professors are told not to hold hybrid classes
  - Can we push back on this?
  - Students are coming to class sick
  - As a grad school, students should be allowed to Zoom in
- Janeala Morsby
  - Faculty Senate has been discussing this matter
  - It's above them, higher up leaders' decision
- Mimi Beck
  - Those decisions are made at Provost level
  - Suggests looking into policies for excused absences
- Christopher McGrady (*Physics*)
  - This can be done at the department level
- Annie Conaghan
  - One professor allowed it but said he may get in trouble for allowing it
  - Professors should not have that kind of pressure
- Kathryn Morris
  - Blanket rules for undergrads & grad students
  - We should not be treated like undergrads
- Istvan Szepesi (*History*)
  - The library has blanket policy against embargo dissertations
- Subash Gamage (*Academic Affairs chair, Chemistry & Biochemistry*)
  - One of the by-laws says that GSG funding cannot be reimbursed for speakers
- Mimi Beck
  - Speaker fees are allowed
  - A 'gift' is not allowed to be reimbursed
  - By-laws can be changed
  - Council can make changes via a process
  - Suggests list of things that may need to be changed in by-laws
- Annie Conaghan
  - Questioned University law about ability to expel protesters after 15 minutes
  - Feels the University should not be able to enforce this
- Mimi Beck
  - Mike Seamon's office is contact
  - Knows relevant policies regarding protests
- Committee Break-Out sessions
- Other Questions
- Istvan Szepesi
  - Can we get an update on University Health Insurance regarding dependent care
  - Can dependents be added?
  - University Health Services (UHS) is contact for these questions
- Ariel Thelander (*Quality of Life Chair, Chemistry & Biochemistry*)
  - There are some restrictions on domestic partner vs spouse

- ND Chorale
  - December 2 & 3
- Mimi Beck
  - Thank you to all who volunteered to help out at the concession stand on Saturday's last home game
  - SAO360 event management system getting ready to replace system
  - There will be opportunities for training on new system
  - Clubs will be rolled in
  - New incoming officers will be on new system
  - Down to two names for new system
    - InvolveND
    - NDCentral
- Mimi Beck
  - Within student affairs conversations, there is a real crisis of mental health needs
  - If someone you know has increased anxiety or increased depression, it's not abnormal
  - Do not suffer in silence
  - Ask us, UCC website or TimelyCare, for help
  - 631-TALK (UCC)
  - The demand is so huge & staffing shortages
  - UCC bringing back "Let's Talk"
  - Be kind to yourself
  - If you need help, ask for it
  - Come talk to Mimi
- Christopher McGrady
  - Counseling wait list is long
  - Suggested working locally on a sliding scale with places outside of campus
- Ariel Thelander
  - UCC is referring people out
  - Outside places are full too
- Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.