

Meeting Minutes
(Zoom meeting)
2/17/22

- Janeala Morsby (*GSG President, Biochemistry*) made motion to approve January meeting minutes
 - Bridgette Before (*Academic Affairs Chair, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering*) seconded the motion
- Guest Speaker
 - Dr. John Lubker, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Graduate School
 - Spoke about LASER program
 - Two student mentors involved in program spoke as well
 - Hannah Wesselman
 - Morgan Munsen
 - LASER
 - Leadership Advancing Socially Engaged Research
 - Training program for PhD students in 3rd or 4th year in academic year 2022-2023
 - Intended to develop leadership proficiencies & aptitude as well as to explore & build skills for socially engaged research
 - Designed to provide coherence & direction in your work
 - For more information [visit website](#)
- Committee Reports (see agenda packet)
- Discussion came up regarding Masters students & Healthcare coverage
 - It was clarified that access is available to purchase coverage from Aetna, but only get a subsidy if stipend meets a certain minimum.
- Morgan Munsen (*Psychology*)
 - Who is the contact regarding meal swipes?
- Ariel Thelander (*Quality of Life Chair, Chemistry & Biochemistry*)
 - An email went to Department Coordinators with a link to apply
- Imre Holtzer, (*Professional Development Chair, Global Affairs*)
 - Transportation question regarding city busing
- Ariel
 - This is happening through local government
 - They want us to get the word out
 - Submit general community feedback [HERE](#)
 - First public engagement session is 2/19/22
 - Battell Center, Mishawaka
 - 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 - Can subscribe to updates on [website](#)

- Janeala
 - Asked for Ad-Hoc committee volunteers
 - To make GSG By-Laws more consistent with Constitution
 - 3 students volunteered
 - Morgan Munsen
 - Subash Gamage
 - Zack Eberhart
- Mattia Boccuti (*Romance Languages & Literatures*)
 - Questioned lack of tax assistance for low income international students
- Mimi Beck (*Grad Life Director, Advisor to GSG*)
 - Lack of tax assistance for all low income students, not just international students
 - Two years ago the service went away due to lost funding
 - Recommends Ad Hoc committee to look into this
 - Or possibly someone at Mendoza who can do a Q & A session or workshop
- Janeala
 - Asked for volunteers for Ad Hoc committee
 - 3-4 students volunteered
- Committee Meetings/Break-Out Sessions
- Announcements
 - Mimi
 - NDCentral will be a great tool once fully deployed
 - GSG Elections are soon
 - Reach out with questions
 - Ad Hoc election committee needed
 - Volunteer only if you do not plan to run for office
 - Process is in Constitution & is very clear
 - Very easy committee to sit on
 - Send Janela or Mimi email if interested
 - Grad Life 10-year Anniversary this Summer!
 - Making plans this semester for ways to celebrate
 - Story telling
 - How programs made an impact on you
 - How to recognize graduate students
 - Open to suggestions
- Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.