

1. Guest Speakers
 - a. John Lubker - Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (Grad School)
 - b. Mark Bourgeois - Postdoctoral Research Associate (Reilly Center) - NSF-funded Social Responsibilities of Researchers Program
2. Essential Workshop Series
 - a. Core Workshops - established by Grad School
 - i. promote development of skills
 - ii. relevant across all graduate disciplines and levels of study
 - iii. build upon one another
 - iv. divided into stages in your program
 1. makes readily identifiable general order in which to attend
 2. even more advanced students new to workshops should begin with foundational, early-stage workshops
 - v. doctoral students can complete series by attending 2 or 3 per year
 - vi. <http://graduateschool.nd.edu/essential>
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 - i.
4. SRR combines training in ethics with social engagement and communication & features sustained, discipline-specific mentoring for all fields of science and engineering.
 - a. Goals of SRR
 - i. increase your understanding the broad societal context within which your work takes place.
 - ii. learn to think about impact your work could have
 - iii. communicate better with general public, etc.
 - iv. adapt your research to enhance its impact
 - v. increase understanding of your values, motivations & ethical orientation
 - vi. be comfortable acting as a mentor & ethical model
5. Incentives
 - a. \$1400 stipend
 - b. 3 course credits (1 per term of participation)
 - c. Certificate of Completion
6. How to apply
 - a. Must be a first or second-year doctoral student in science (natural or social) or engineering
 - b. Applications accepted January 11 - February 15 (applications are online and open now)
 - c. One Letter of Recommendation is required
- 7.
8. Applicants will be notified by March 14
9. Want to re-brand Professional Development opportunities
 - a. Workshop series
 - i. identified as stages during grad school
10. In the past, Professional Development Chairs have been from same program.
 - a. We lose a bit of our grad program because of this

- b. Grad School will be funding 2 additional PD chairs
- 11. There will now be 4 Professional Development Chairs from different divisions.
 - a. Humanities
 - b. Social Science
 - c. Science
 - d. Engineering
- 12. John Lubker would like feedback
 - a. Does this make sense?
 - b. Concerns?
- 13. (unrecorded name): How will you implement this? Could you provide a voice for how we try to engage grad students?
- 14. Meagan Simpson, (*English*): This sounds really good to me. The events have been helpful but have been geared towards STEM students. I feel my experience is shared by others.
- 15. Joshua Mason, Professional Development Chair, (*Biological Sciences*): How can we mold what we're doing right now with 3MT to make things outside of STEM? Is there anything we can do currently? What can we do differently?
- 16. Meagan Simpson, (*English*): I think it's more on-the-ground-selling-it to them, is more applicable.
- 17. One of John Lubker's concerns is leadership tends to be from Science. His concern is, is it divisional specific. Can he get someone from each division to step up to be a co-chair.
- 18. Approval of Minutes
- 19. Bryant Vande Kolk, GSU President, (*Physics*): Is there a move to approve the minutes?
- 20. Enma Pardilla-Delgado, (*Psychology*): Yes
- 21. c Seconds this motion
- 22. Bryant: Is there any old business? There is no old business
- 23. Executive Reports
- 24. Bryant: Regarding the website, we're still working with MarComm.
 - a. \$12,000 was estimated cost for what we want
 - b. We're working to come way down to something reasonable
- 25. Bryant: Natalie Sargent is our new Health Care Chair
- 26. Sean Vilanova, GSU Co-Vice President, (*Chemistry & Biochemistry*): Regarding Mental Health: Talked with Bill Stackman, Associate VP of Student Affairs.
 - a. May organize a luncheon
 - b. Survey will be coming out to see how much interest there is
- 27. Sean: Mimi Beck and I met with McDonald Center for Well-Being
 - a. January 26 - St. Liam Hall
 - i. Make grad students aware of what the center does
 - ii. Lots of preventative measures
- 28. Bryant: Financial Literacy Series
 - a. February 18 - First workshop
- 29. Bryant: Those of you that are grad club leaders, we held a meeting last week regarding SAO360.

30. Bryant: Traffic & Parking Appeals Board
 - a. I've been sitting on appeals board
 - b. Looking for somebody to replace me
 - c. Let me know if interested
 - i. meets every 3-4 weeks
31. Bryant: I also want to appoint a GSU representative for the China Policy.
 - a. Must be interested in discussing international labor
32. Bryant: Grad Wellness Week
 - a. Per Mimi (not present tonight), Grad Wellness Week is next week
 - b. Two ways to enter drawing to win personal training package from Rec Sports
33. Bryant: Beginning next meeting, Administrative Assistant Laurie, will be giving report
 - a. Budget
 - b. Newsletter overview breakdown
34. Michael Altenburger, Academic Affairs Chair (*Theology*): Wonders if there is money elsewhere for website.
35. Bryant: If you find any websites that you like, let us know.
36. Bryant: All student clubs have websites but not with \$12,000 budgets.
37. Michael Altenburger: Academic Affairs Report
 - a. Academic Council
 - i. Subcommittee on Advanced Studies met December 9, 2015
 1. O'Hara-Grace & The village will be closing Summer of 2018
 - a. with assurance that space will be available for those still completing degrees
 - b. Renovation not feasible option
 - c. Current buildings will be destroyed
 - d. No current plans for construction
 2. Options being pursued
 - a. Finding development partner & doing new construction
 - b. Looking at acquisition targets so wouldn't have to be new construction
 - c. Adding staff member to help refer grad students to available housing option off campus
 - ii. During meeting, success of the Overlook apartments was highlighted
 1. \$950/1 bedroom, \$745/studio were reported as below market level
 - iii. International students with families
 1. Among most vulnerable when coming to ND
 - a. University trying to be sensitive to those needs
 - iv. Chair pointed out available grad student housing important because
 1. Stability
 2. Access afforded
 - v. Off-Campus housing, while beneficial to many
 1. instability of market prices, landlords, transportation, etc.
 - vi. Challenging for those with families
 1. Cannot afford "below market cost"

- b. Another larger campus housing meeting is upcoming and these concerns will be brought to that body
38. Bryant: Is there any way to give input?
 39. Meredith Doellman, GSU Co-Vice President, (*Biological Sciences*): Last year they said they would have focus groups.
 40. Bryant: Experts suggest you only spend (at most) $\frac{1}{3}$ of your income on housing.
 41. Meagan Simpson, (*English*): I have a 3-bedroom house and I don't pay that much. That's more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of our income. That's wildly unreasonable. These numbers are ludicrous.
 42. Natalie Sargent, Health Care Chair (*History*): Even if you're in FOG, OG prices have gone up, Fischer has gone down.
 43. Eve Granatosky, (*Chemistry & Biochemistry*): It's so expensive...(unrecorded comment)
 44. Kristen Drahos, Quality of Life Chair (*Theology*): Many students don't have cars. Closing FOG is very frustrating.
 45. Meredith: The biggest issue for international students is that they don't have credit here. No credit report to show. Who is the Village rep?
 46. Fazle Faisal, University Village Rep (*Computer Science & Engineering*): Some are not very happy that FOG is closing.
 47. Prasanna Siddireddy, Fischer O'Hara Grace Residence Rep (*Physics*): (unrecorded comment)
 48. Meredith: There are no plans to build anything on the land once these are torn down.
 49. Natalie: Karen Kennedy, Director Office of Housing, came to FOG about 18 months ago. Said that nothing would be built in the O'Hara Grace lots because of building safety codes, etc. Sounds like there are no plans for that land. Need to be torn down. Maybe we should contact her.
 50. Tahsin Ahmed, (*Electrical Engineering*): My wife used to live in FOG. It's not up 100% at certain times of the year.
 51. Kristofor Glinton, University Committee Diversity on Race & Ethnicity, (*Chemistry & Biochemistry*):(unrecorded comment)...70 or 80% occupied I am pretty sure.
 52. Michael: Maybe we should be clear about what is going on.
 53. Joshua Mason, Professional Development Chair (*Biological Sciences*): Professional Development Report
 - a. Over 65 - 70% attended 3MT info session
 - b. Last week in January other 3MT training sessions (put on by Grad School) will take place.
 - c. Divisional round Competitions Feb 22-25
 - d. Final 3MT competition March 16
 54. Met with Tom Loughran about new program - INTEGRITY
 - a. Goal - to establish consultancy program on campus for grad students
 - i. at a voluntary internship level
 - ii. (or) fellowship level
 - b. Chance to learn skills & build professional network
 - i. consulting projects - sourced from within ND & surrounding community
 - c. If funded, program will start in near future

55. If interested in learning more, contact Josh or Katie.
56. PD Team - campus Prof Dev Team held the yearly Responsibilities & Ethics in Conduct of Research workshop that is required for grad students.
- a. Workshop was modified this year
 - i. included more break-out sessions
 - ii. was well received
 - b. Official feedback has been collected and will be analyzed
 - c. PD Team will continue to try to improve workshop
57. Angel Matos, Kristen Drahos & Sayanty Roy, Quality of Life Chairs - Q of L Report
- a. Latin Ethnic Cooking Adventure - Jan 27 - 6:00 - 8:00pm at Martin's Heritage Square
 - b. Over 70 responses to RecSports Survey
 - i. Those who responded will receive e-mails to set up meeting to discuss fitness options
 - ii. Library renovation people will be reached out to re: possibilities for optimizing the quiet reading room atmosphere
 - iii. GlassND - about 20 grad students showed up to Holiday Potluck in December.
 - iv. Luncheon in February with guest speaker Christopher Soto
 1. will share insights on homeless queer youth and LGBTQ activism in academia
 - a. event will be catered by J.W. Chens
 2. Also in works - open mic/coming out event at Legends
 - v. Shopping shuttle is continuing for this semester
 1. only 1 van now
 - a. Marty Ogren from ND Transportation - current driver
 - b. leaves from FOG at 4:00pm and 4:30pm from University Village (Sundays)
 - vi. Initial dialogue with AWIS (Association for Women in Science) president for probable partnering with them and SWE (Society of Women Engineers) to arrange luncheon.
 - c. Extended Shuttle Service
 - i. Student issues were shared
 1. university feels not many grad students using extended service
 2. at this point, not much can be done regarding issues
 3. survey will be sent out through GSU
58. Kristen Drahos, Quality of Life (*Theology*): Frustrated with snow removal. Undergrad cars aren't being moved. Is there a way to force non-commuters to park near the back?
59. Sayanty, Quality of Life (*Biological Sciences*): They are working on this.
60. Kristen Drahos, Quality of Life (*Theology*): There is a problem with frozen cars.
61. Sean Vilanova: Based on the November survey, this wouldn't be an issue. We did suggest a commuters only lot but they won't do this.
62. Sayanty: They don't want to give preference to grad students
63. Bryant: It shouldn't be too hard to put signs up along the fence.

64. Kristen: It's frustrating when walking in heels.
65. Eve Granatosky: Any possibility of the shuttle being expanded to go to other locations?
66. Sean: They won't go through campus. They try their best to get students and faculty to further places.
67. Tahsin: Regarding shopping trips. Can the time be later? Most students need to be on campus until 5:00.
68. Sayanty: I can ask that question.
69. Sean: It's (only) on Sundays.
70. Angel Matos: Do we know how many are using the shopping shuttle?
71. Sayanty: The van holds eight. Most of the time, it's full.
72. Bryant: Is the frustration with parking, the lack of spaces or the further walk?
73. Cesar Lopes-Gemelli, (*Literature*): Does the university have somebody that thinks this through? The Bulla thing is super far away. The amount of complaints about Bulla, we could go on about five pages.
74. Margie Housley, (*English*): Is there any chance that somebody might put sand down on ice on this campus? It's icy on this campus.
75. Bryant: I know salt's more effective but more expensive.
76. Katie Button-Simons, Professional Development (*Biological Sciences*): Campus sidewalks are better than parking lots.
77. Sean: Since break ended, it seems like the number of cars has increased.
78. Enma PardillaDelgado, (*Psychology*): Clearly a number of issues with the parking lot. Maybe being the GSU, we could push students to use Onward. (Student Government moderated online forum). People vote and depending upon the votes, somebody pays attention to this and possibly gets something taken care of.
79. Bryant: I think it's best to move on. All helpful complaints. I've written these down. We'll take a look at these things.
80. Kristen Johnson, Social (*Chemistry and Biochemistry*): Social Report:
- a. Past events
 - i. PhD Movie 2 - November 19
 1. about 50 grad students attended
 - ii. Jingle Bell Ball (with GSU & GSN) - December 18
 1. over 70 grad students attended
 - b. Tentative dates for upcoming Spring events
 - i. February 28 - Brewery Tour
 - ii. Movie Premiere - TBD
 1. Deadpool (Friday, February 12)
 2. Zoolander 2 (Friday, February 12)
 3. Batman Vs Superman: Dawn (Friday, March 25)
 4. Captain America: Civil War (Friday, May 6)
 - iii. St. Patrick's Day Party
 1. March 17 at O'Brien's (Compton Ice Arena) is an option
 2. Ski event is an option
 - iv. March Madness Basketball Event at Legends - is an option
 1. most likely women's team

- v. Easter Dinner, South Dining Hall, March 27
 - vi. Winery Tour, April 9 or 10
 - vii. GSU Charity Gala, April 16
- c. Final Exams are May 1 - 6
 - d. Commencement is May 13 - 15
81. Eve Granatosky: Event request - Ice Skating. Had this in the past. Was fun and fairly cheap.
 82. Kristen: The earliest time would be May because they book up so quickly.
 83. Bryant: Breakout sessions are not optional this meeting. Let's spend about 10 minutes in breakout sessions.
 84. Bryant: Kristofor Ginton, GSU Representative for Advisory committee for student climate for ethnic and racial issues - 1st meeting is tomorrow.
 85. Kris: I want feedback on Martin Luther King day. As grad students we represent the most diverse population of the university. Did you know about the events? Were they interesting? Did you attend? Any responses are helpful.
 86. Angela Lederach, (*International Peace Studies*): The Patrisse talk [(Patrisse Cullors & Opal Tometi) (sponsored by MSPS)] was the best event I've been to.
 87. Kris: Undergrads have a very loud voice in general. I've voiced that it's difficult for grad students because we're in different departments and we kind of get departmentalized.
 88. Margie: I went to the luncheon. On the whole, it was good. I think it was short and I would encourage it to be an entire day event, not just 11:30 - 1:30.
 89. Kathryn Burton, (*Mathematics*): The South Dining Hall free lunch was great, I heard.
 90. Angela: Are there events in South Bend? Could those collaborate with us here?
 91. Bryant: I liked the speeches and the panel was helpful but I felt they were censored. The panel was a bit watered down.
 92. Eve Granatosky: It was interesting that the panel was women and people of color and the moderator was white.
 93. Angel: He cut off the undergrad.
 94. Libby Baker, (*History*): It was filmed. Maybe it would have been more honest if not being filmed, I wonder.
 95. Bryant: "Black Lives Matter", at the end of the night was amazing. I think there is value to film showing, like there is going to be yet this week, I believe.
 96. Kris: Are there any suggestions as to what you want to see the rest of the semester to make you feel good about inclusion at the university?
 97. Aryanne de Silva, (*Psychology*): I feel like I missed out...(unrecorded comment). Maybe we could have something going in in North Dining Hall.
 98. Angel: I feel that the university should focus more attention on how the different domains intercept. Race, gender, etc.
 99. Margie: I think "Show some Skin" is incredible. Watch it on youtube from last year. Focused on undergrads but is a fantastic event.
 100. Angela: I asked Kaneb Center about how to...(unrecorded comment).
 101. Bryant: Are there any other discussions or announcements?

102. Kathryn: I know somebody who had an issue with her paycheck. Something to do with registering late. she wishes it were more publicized. \$100 was deducted from her paycheck.
103. Sayanty: I had a friend with the same issue. Payroll explained it.
104. Meredith Doellman, GSU Co-Vice President (*Biological Sciences*): We should make an announcement about this so people register on time.
105. Natalie, Health Care, (*History*): If anyone can think of a tweet or a question they would like to put out there, send it to me. Any questions pertinent to Health Care, send those my way.
106. Bryant: Do we have a motion to adjourn?
107. Enma: Yes
108. Cesar: I second this motion
109. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.