

1. Approval of minutes from last GSU Council meeting (3/23/17)
  - a. Andrew Schranck (*CEEES*): Approves the motion
  - b. Greg Cruess (*Theology*): Seconds the motion
2. Josh Mason, President of GSU (*Biological Sciences*): introduced new GSU Executive Board for 2017-2018 academic year.
  - a. Niraja Suresh (*Biological Sciences*), President
  - b. Marjorie Housley (*English*), Co-Vice President
  - c. John Nelson (*History*), Co-Vice President
3. New E-Board spoke about their platform
4. Guest Speakers Mimi Beck & Demetra Schoenig, both from Graduate School
5. Spoke on Integrative Dissertation ProSem
  - a. Intensive writing & research experiences
  - b. Interdisciplinary seminars with faculty experts
  - c. Writing accountability & support tools
  - d. Community gatherings for post-candidacy doctoral students in the College of Arts & Letters
6. What is it?
  - a. 5 day Summer Bootcamp
  - b. 3 day Winter Writing Retreat
  - c. 1 day Spring Colloquium
  - d. Monthly Evening Gathering
  - e. Dissertation Defense Support
7. Why take part?
  - a. Faculty experts lead monthly seminars
    - i. Setting boundaries for writing time
    - ii. Juggling priorities, sustaining motivation
    - iii. Harnessing wellness habits for success
    - iv. Perspectives on publishing
    - v. Proactive committee engagement
    - vi. Peer review & collegiality
    - vii. Co-writing & research statements
    - viii. Priority Access to a Writing Center consultation for each participant
    - ix. Individual consultations with subject librarians
    - x. Peer writing accountability groups
    - xi. Earn one Grad School credit per semester
8. Eligibility
  - a. Ph.D. students who have successfully defended their dissertation proposal at the time of application or on track to do so by December 2017
  - b. Good academic standing & advisor's support
9. Application
  - a. Due May 22, 2017
  - b. Applicants notified by June 16, 2017

- c. To apply, digitally submit following documents via <https://gradconnect.nd.edu/register/IDPSForm>
  - d. Contact & program information form
  - e. A letter of interest
  - f. Statement from advisor
  - g. Current resume or CV
10. Josh: There is a lunch on Monday if you have questions
11. Committee Reports were read. See agenda for complete reports
12. Break-Out sessions
13. Mimi Beck, Program Director, *Grad Student Life*, discussed Notre Dame Day.
14. Motion to adjourn
- a. Andrew Schranck (*CEEES*) approves this motion
  - b. Jake Coen (*Medieval Studies*) seconds this motion
15. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.