

All-GSA meeting Friday 11/05/2021, Secretary: Alex Hinbest

1. Welcome and introduction: no in-person meeting last year (2020) due to pandemic
  - a. President introduction: Bilge Buyukdemirtas, 2021-2022
  - b. Completed events this fall so far: Graduate Picnic (Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, big turn-out) and Apple-picking at Lyman Orchards (Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)
  - c. Board game club, every Friday 7pm, Shanklin 314
  - d. *The Melting Pot*: Graduate Student Potluck, end of November?
  - e. Build-your-skills series:
    - i. Presentation studio, Jeffrey Goetz, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. "Writing for publication", Elizabeth Hepford, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>
  - f. Graduate speaker series:
    - i. Niels Vizgan, chemistry, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Katie Bennett, astrophysics, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - g. Graduate spotlight series, monthly grad student recognition (poster), first student Zane Lombardo, MB&B
  - h. Next semester: Career Panels, Spring 2022, Feb-Mar, career options for after grad school, Wesleyan alumni guest speakers
    - i. academic vs. industry research
    - ii. non-research options
2. Graduate Studies Director Cheryl-Ann Hagner
  - a. Peer writing advisors available to help with graduate level writing (email Cheryl for more info)
  - b. Ongoing writing circle every week
  - c. Writing retreat booked for January 19<sup>th</sup> 2022, email to follow for more details
  - d. In-person Workshop (was via zoom in 2020): Foundations for advisor-advisee relations, Spring 2022
  - e. Introducing new hires:
    - i. Clara del Junco: STEM and Data Education Librarian, Science Library, Exley 169
    - ii. Morgan Keller: Director of Office of International Student Affairs (OISA)
3. Words from Accessibility specialist Crystal-Rose Hill-Farrell
  - a. Please contact for student accommodations and accessibility
  - b. Kai and Drew are current student research specialists
  - c. Sign up online for one-on-one meetings available in-person and by zoom
  - d. Digital handout available: "Capitalization Matters"
  - e. Currently advertising for Peer tutor paid-positions
  - f. Sign-up for tutoring online
  - g. Accommodations available: digital notetaking (ask accessibility student interns)
  - h. CAPS counselling center mental health services (student welfare)
  - i. WesWell (student welfare)
  - j. Fill in online form to request accommodations for classes
  - k. Contact us for help with TAing
4. Travel awards:
  - a. 2x available per semester
  - b. \$500 per student

- c. Sign up via GSA website (blogs)
  - d. Limit: 1x person per semester per department
  - e. Reimbursements available for:
    - i. Fieldwork
    - ii. Workshops
    - iii. Conferences
  - f. Deadline to apply: November 19<sup>th</sup>
  - g. Valid for all “travel” between 7/1 – 12/31 2021
5. Housing committee (Ghazia Abbas)
- a. Primarily for residents in Park Washington and Pearl Street
  - b. Call Physical Plant for heating issues or floods as emergencies
  - c. Recent lost packages incurred plans for new security systems
  - d. Currently polling for installation details of security cameras
6. Sign up for the Wesleyan Grad Student Slack®: [graduatestude-lwx2771.slack.com](https://graduatestude-lwx2771.slack.com)