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 26th, big turn-out) and Apple-picking at Lyman Orchards (Oct 23rd)
   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 28th
      ii. “Writing for publication”, Elizabeth Hepford, Oct 29th
   f. Graduate speaker series:
      i. Niels Vizgan, chemistry, Nov 12th
      ii. Katie Bennett, astrophysics, Dec 3rd
   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 19th 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 19th

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