

GSA-All Meeting Minutes and DGSS report
Nov 11, 2022, Friday @ noon

1. The reaccreditation team was on campus earlier this week. This is a team of higher-education professionals from schools like Wesleyan who come to campus to conduct an external review. Reaccreditation takes place every 10 years. There is a mid-term review at the 5-year point. During their on-campus visit, the committee members meet with campus constituents. They later submit a detailed report of their findings. Professor Ed Moran and I (Cheryl-Ann Hagner) met on Monday and Tuesday with different members of the committee to discuss and answer questions about the graduate programs. The committee was interested in how our programs function and the services that are provided to students. Most of this information is documented in the [Graduate Handbook](#) on our web site and presented to students during orientation. I am happy to meet with anyone who has questions about benefits or services – feel free to contact me and we will set up a time to talk.
2. Ruthann Coyote is the new Associate Director for Career Advising in Sciences and Math. Graduate students can request an appointment to meet with Ruthann – email her at rcoyote@wesleyan.edu. You can also click Schedule an Appointment on the [Gordon Career Center website](#). Mention your academic department and the graduate degree you are pursuing when you request an appointment. The Gordon Career Center website has a lot of information to guide you with writing cover letters and resumes. But meeting with a career advisor to review your documents or to discuss career options is often helpful.
3. Many thanks to Manaal and Bilge, the graduate writing tutors, who are doing good work running the weekly writing circle. We are pleased to announce that we will again have an in-person graduate writing retreat. It is scheduled during winter break on Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023, in the Daniel Family Commons, third floor of Usdan. The day starts at 10am and ends at 3pm. Continental breakfast and hot lunch will be available. This is a quiet place to work on your own project in the company of other graduate students. There are scheduled breaks and options to attend a workshop presented by a professor from the Writing Center or to meet with a graduate writing tutor. The Registration form will be sent out after the Thanksgiving break. Registration is required. There is no cost to graduate students.
4. The coffee bar in our graduate office will re-open for graduate students during our office hours, Monday through Friday, 8am – 4:30pm, during academic sessions. Coffee or tea is .50 per Kcup or tea bag. You add your money to the metal box on the counter. If you put in \$1 and take one cup, you write your name in the little notebook with your

credit for the second cup. When you come back for the second cup, you cross off your name/credit. Bring your own cup. Barb and I look forward to seeing you.

5. Coming next spring: We will be hosting workshops/meetings to review the exit process and the required documents for students who will be finishing their degree in May 2023. There is a lot of pressure when trying to finish the degree; the exit process is straightforward and should not add to the stress. I hope you will join us.
6. Also coming in spring 2023 – re-designed workshops on nonviolent communication, a tool for difficult conversations, with Neal Sardana, Chelsie Greene, and Cheryl Hagner.