1. Welcome & Introduce Travel Award and this semester’s events  
   a. Hike tomorrow (September 14th) Castle Craig, meet Lawn Ave side of Exley at 10am  
   b. Burgers and Badminton (September 18th at 80 Home Ave) BA/MA get together (all graduate students and SOs welcome)  
   c. Happy hour at Eli Cannon’s (end of October?)  
   d. The Melting Pot: Graduate Student Potluck (Saturday, November 23rd) at Russell House  
   e. Graduate Student speaker series  
      i. Jake Aronowitz (October 11th)  
      ii. Helen Karimi (November 1st)  
   f. All-GSA meeting (December 6th, Travel Award recipients announced)  
   g. WesWIS (Wesleyan Women in Science) would like graduate student participants, email msnow@wes  

2. Benefits committee  
   a. Brief discussion about benefits and reminder about insurance payment (should be up now)  
   b. Questionnaire introduction/survey  

3. Housing committee  
   a. Listservs being created per apartment building  

4. Website changes with Andre Oliveira (http://gsa.blogs.wesleyan.edu/)  

5. Cheryl Hagner- Director of the Graduate Student Services  
   a. 60 new graduate students this year  
   b. Career Workshops in the fall only this year  
   c. TWO Writing Boot Camps this year (https://www.wesleyan.edu/grad/student-services/writingsupport.html)  
   d. Peer writing advisors available to help with graduate level writing (email Cheryl for more info)  
   e. More workshops to come re: difficult conversations with people in power and the advisor-advisee relationship