



GRADUATE STUDENT  
GOVERNMENT

### **GSG Assembly Meeting**

May 13th, 2020, 6:00p

Remote meeting: Zoom code sent in email

#### **I. 6:00 - Call to order (5 min)**

- A. Quorum count
- B. Discretionary spending report  
No spendings.

#### **II. OIT Presentation (15 min)**

Tech fatigue advice:

- There are useful exercises and tips on the UHS website that can help alleviate tech fatigue, such as desk stretching, etc

There are two vpn services offered by the university

If you need softwares, you can check on the OIT website. Also, if you want to request specific softwares, you can also communicate with them through email.

#### **III. Summary of GSG Mental Health Events (5 min, Sarah Marie)**

##### **A. Mental Health programming during COVID-19 lockdown:**

1. Virtual PDAR (Princeton Distress & Response) training in early April led by Calvin Chin; tailored to current situation regarding reaching out to and supporting peers in mental distress virtually
2. Mental Health & Coping during COVID-19 panel sessions (featuring grad students, faculty, and TigerWell outreach counselors); Two sessions: April 30th and May 12th - very successful!
3. Anonymous anecdotes - posting daily on GSG Facebook, Slack and our website (<https://mentalhealth.princeton.edu/covid-19-anecdotes/>)

4. Mental Health Playlist - launched Monday on Slack page
- B. Mental Health Month November 2020**
1. \$10,000 from Campus Conversations on Identities Initiative!
  2. Will be second annual Mental Health Month; November 2019's month involved a line-up of events including art exhibit in Frist 200 level, mindfulness meditation sessions, keynote lecture by Sejal Shah, meet & greet with CPS counselors and therapy puppies, movies & mental health event, and more. (See calendar of events here: <https://mentalhealth.princeton.edu/mental-health-month-events-calendar/>)
  3. Priorities this year include connecting with alumni and supporting students with children
  4. Please let me know if you'd like to be involved in planning Mental Health month 2020 or other mental health initiatives! (email me at [smbruno@princeton.edu](mailto:smbruno@princeton.edu))

#### **IV. Call for Volunteers**

- A. Dean Lisa Schreyer is seeking international students to give feedback on a video that is a part of training around sexual misconduct. The time commitment is less than an hour, and will help shape the sexual misconduct training for incoming international students. Please let me know if you are interested and I'll get you in touch with Lisa.
- B. Beyond Coronavirus, the Next Normal:
1. What is it: A sprint-style virtual workshop series, branched off of the *Tiger Challenge* Summer 2020, that addresses societal issues in the post-Coronavirus world, and seeks solutions using human-centered design.
  2. When is it: The workshop series will meet 4-5 times over Summer 2020, between June 8 and August 14, exact dates TBD
  3. Who is it for: The workshop series is specifically seeking Princeton graduate students of all years in the Humanities and Social Science departments. 10-15 participants expected. Enrolled students in the *Tiger Challenge* Summer 2020 will help with the facilitation and utilization of Design Thinking methodologies during the workshop.
  4. Objective: With most attention, energy, and efforts towards the Coronavirus being reactive responses at the current moment, *'Beyond Coronavirus, the Next Normal'* hopes to get participants to consider a world after the pandemic, and begin looking ahead and take a first step at trying to understand issues that will follow, or have already begun brewing in not only society, but the everyday life of a graduate student. The Humanities and Social Science graduate students are

particularly ideal participants for the workshop, which will allow them to utilize their research and expertise in these areas to create actual social impact, applied through the human-centered Design Thinking approach.

C. Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Climate, Culture and Conduct

1. The committee was created as a result of the Title IX reviews that took place over the summer, and a full explanation of its creation and charge is attached. The committee will be chaired by Rochelle Calhoun and will consist of three faculty members, three undergraduates, two graduate students, one postdoc, one alum and two staff members. Michele Minter, Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity will serve in an ex office capacity.

V. **Open Forum**

- Zoom meetings this summer!
- Concerns about the COVID if grad students are coming back to campus in June
- Questions about the reopening schedules of the labs and libraries, etc: still being discussed by the Graduate School
- Both these questions--which includes broad and general questions about the COVID, students returning to campus, reopening of campus, are all still being discussed in the ODGS meetings weekly.
- Take advantage of “have a Dean from the grad school call you” offer from Lily Secora. Deans are not using the check-ins to track us in any way, it’s merely meant to be an easy way to ask for help or a conversation. They only ask where you live to determine which of the 3 deans doing this service should call you.

*Next meeting: June 10th, 2020, 6:00pm*