# Meeting Agenda - 10/19/2020

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Agenda

Main Business

- Welcome [Kimberly]
- Grievance Committee Updates [Chris/Jon]
  - Chris Stamper and Jon Bullock
  - Committee on Graduate Education
    - One year focus group of grad students and professors about all of grad life
      - Hadn’t been done since the ’70s
    - Grievance policy - Will be shared by email CONFIDENTIAL to GC
      - Crafting a list of recommendations
      - Division and department overhaul as well as school-wide
      - What counts as a grievance?
        - Med schools have looked at this issue
        - Focus on Pritzker as a guideline of how things can be
      - What can be grieved officially vs. what can be solved through other means?
        - Formal and informal processes
        - The climate of openness and understanding
        - Student peer ombudsperson
    - Logistics
      - Timeline
        - Currently 28 days
      - Appeal process
      - Retaliation reduction
      - Process of checking in
        - Anonymous?
      - Written records to help build an understanding of what needs to be changed for the future
      - Central process
      - Annual reporting
        - Accountability - were processes followed?
  - Current Steps
    - Been taken to faculty senate committee
    - Now in widespread feedback phase
Questions

- Best way to give feedback?
  - Whatever you prefer!
- Do students have access to any kind of counseling on their grievances before they might choose to file?
  - Hopefully through the peer ombudsperson
  - Deans of students are also a great resource
  - Department chairs are also an option

Divisional Updates

- **Booth**
  - Two new first year GC reps
    - Ishanne Jalan
    - Chanel Walker
  - Breach of UChicago Health Pac
    - Apologies on behalf of Booth community
    - Working to spread testing
    - Harper and Gleacher closed for two weeks
    - All in-person programming is cancelled

- **BSD**
  - Virtual recruitment
  - Diversity conference for minorities in STEM
    - Biggest force on campus for recruitment

- **Divinity**
  - Swift CARE grants
  - Opened up limited in-person study spaces
    - Students still in need of more space

- **Graham**
  - Absent

- **Harris**
  - Elections are this week

- **Humanities**

- **Law School**
  - One new Rep
    - Richard Howell
  - Significant turnover in the dean of students office

- **PME**
  - Research is continuing in ERC and other buildings
  - Approvals for accommodating training as first-year students join the lab
  - A faculty member was elected to the national academy of medicine

- **Pritzker**
- New Reps
  - Jason Thome
  - Hannah Carr
- Transitioning leadership of orgs
- Looking for a non-undergrad study space
- Concerns of isolation once winter starts
  - PSD
    - Most classes are online but research is continuing
    - Expanding virtual events
      - Also giving food bags now if you can deliver safely
  - SSA
    - Among Us hangout night
    - Working on a new benevolent fund with leftover money from next year
  - SSD
    - Some turnover in reps
      - Catherine Stockalper
      - Yingxuan Liu
      - Colleen Wohlrab
    - Supporting large masters programs
      - A panel of Ph.D. students
    - Lots of great feedback on the Diva Cup initiative
- Exec Updates
  - Max Freedman
    - None but looking forward to meeting committees members tonight
    - Looking forward to helping GC bond
  - Julia Seigel
    - Excited to meet the committee
  - Taylor
    - Getting programming off the ground
  - Alex
    - Send cool ideas even if not on the committee!
  - Radhika
    - Talked to CCT for incentive system on pedagogy training
      - Cost evaluation
    - Grievance form
      - Also idea/feedback form
    - Books to spark community and dialogue
  - Nikita
    - Diva Cup
• Moved forward with the funding
• Receiving in the next few weeks
• Distribution and training is being planned
  ■ Mental Health Awareness Week
    • November 10th - 13th
    • Look for an email for registration for the event this week
  ○ William
    ■ We have around 12 applications so far
  ○ Aabir
    ■ Only one application so far
  ○ Kyle
    ■ Had first deadline Oct 9th
    ■ Want to expand applications
• Ivy+ Debrief
  ○ State of the Campus
    ■ We have the strictest food and in-person restrictions than peers
      ● Princeton is close though for comparison
    ■ Doing more in programming than Peer institutions
    ■ They were also very space-oriented so we are in good company
    ■ Only University for free Grad Gyms
    ■ No Grad student housing unlike other schools
  ○ Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
    ■ A support system of other universities
    ■ Holding institutions accountable
  ○ Community Building
    ■ Everyone is struggling with engagement
    ■ Hoping to use more funding for food
    ■ Leverage whole Ivy plus network for student connection
  ○ International Student Affairs
    ■ Schools are taking a more active stance on International student issues
      ● Brown - transitional stipend to help with fluctuating exchange rates
    ■ Concerns of isolation/lack of community
      ● Especially for first-time students in the US
  ○ Mental Health & Wellness
    ■ Some schools have International Student specific counselors
    ■ UChicago is doing well comparatively
      ● Princeton - applied for a grant to hire more counselors
• New Business
  ○ GC Rep Onboardings
○ Presidential Search
  ■ Assurances for student feedback and input
  ■ Won't really get into full swing until Winter Q
○ UChiVotes
  ■ Share, post, and talk to people!
  ■ Will be a prize for the top division
● Committee Breakout Rooms [All]

Adjourn

Minutes from the Last Meeting