

Graduate TownHall Summary
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GSU Leadership

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Introductions

1. Reflections on the results of the election

- How can we as a community facilitate and nurture growth within
- *Graduate Student Advisory meeting*, this Friday at noon will be a meeting to come together and discuss this further
- *Black Student Union* gathering at meyerhoff tonight at 7
- Sammy Hoi, acknowledge this and resources that are within MICA.
- David Bogen - general guideline for faculty to deal with emotions. There is a need for faculty to be sensitive to that need for discussion.
- Trying to be mindful of immediate needs, emotional response. MICA's commitment to diversity, dialogue, and discussion - MICA is not going to change core values.
- If you think of anything that you want to do, to take time to think about what you need Grad Studies will be here, you can reach out with to anyone in Grad Studies to facilitate those needs.

2. Grad Ex: Presents their letter, and seek a more permanent specific space for this organization to further.

- Gwynne: Impressed with the program and that it has maintained the momentum despite the turnover of graduate students. These achievements are great and impressive. Shown a track record to advance this program. Given proposal to know a little bit more about what it means to expand budget, to go with the community, have another space like Chicken Box. What does that budget look like?
- David Bogen: Looking at grad ex and success and wanting to grow, having a specific space in community in one way or another. Exciting. That is the easier discussion to have but proposing a bit of a working session, what is the timing, cost and outcome of this we are more than willing to look at this. The term dedicated space, makes me nervous, I'm trying to understand how we can do as much with what we have, from a sustainability point of view - how to share a space.
- Gerald Exhibitions: My working with Grad Ex ignite campus art scene in your own terms. Results always professional, a conduit between students and administration. What are the spaces we have, echo what david said being adaptive and flexible. We have conflicts

because we have scheduling a year in advance. I'm open to volleying back and forth of shows, a matter of conversation and foresight. I'll engage in any discussion

3. Graduate Student Compensation

- Question: What is MICA doing to ensure fair and equitable compensation for graduate student employees.
- Graduate Employment Taskforce: We have engaged with this work: GPA/GTI these programs have been in place for ten years, our tendency has been that we have grown.
- Would like to have a set of recommendations based on info. Based on structure, pay type of work and
- Campus wide survey, reviewing all info on all jobs.
- Initiated the task force in order to understand the ins and outs of the programs.

4. TapRide

- **Question:** Tracking/evaluating issues of Tap Ride. Contact me through transportation@mica.edu
- Trying to track any issues, 9-11 peak time and it wasn't ready for that and it crashed. Residence to Residence makes the wait time longer.
- Drivers getting better to use the system
- If anyone has issues let me know, Some calls weren't cleared. System keeps recalculating. Students weren't pick up, but system said it was.
- Tell driver and cancel your call so that we can streamline it.
- Two month old system and allows us to track everything.
- Last fall we added two shuttles to the fleet and changed the boundary of where you could be picked up. We will pick you up from any building within the perimeter. If you do have an issue the sooner you can let us know is better so that we can track the rides and know what has happened. In constant contact with the developer of the app so that we can fix it.
- transportation@mica.edu with any issues.
- IF you email this with your concern we can fix and mend these issues, we are also training the drivers, they are learning.
- Comments: Thankful for improvements with the shuttles.
- Wait time you can still call dispatch so they can verbally communicate where the driver is

OPEN FORUM

QUESTION: Accessibility within MICA place. One student has trouble. There is no elevator within the building.

- Learning resource center, we're aware of the issues at MICA place. We've been a building accessibility report. It's nearly finished. Offer some basic feedback about the MICA buildings and how we improve this space. Station building needs work as well. Will share this information with GSC. Putting an elevator in a building will be hard but we feel

strongly about making modifications. Effort and money and my office doesn't control that but we have spent a lot of time working through this.

- Dan Gilbert - facilities - planning and construction. When MICA place was first opened. When we took over the building that ramp down the side to lower level was there. It was a housing building initially. Due to budget, an elevator wasn't in the budget. Price tag is high. Single form lift isn't code anymore.

QUESTION: Why is there such a lack of diversity at MICA

- Taskforce shaped to answer this question not only for grad program but across the campus. We are looking at policy and search/allocation for faculty and speakers. Things cannot happen overnight but there are results. Training for faculty and there was a lecture series addressing these issues. We don't want to over promise but we are putting intentional practices to overall change the outcome of MICA
- Topics repeat, two years ago grad students were very proactive about diversifying our campus. Assembled the first forum the Power and Equity forum. Sent set of recommendations that resulted in the task force. Students faculty, staff in the room. Led by graduate students. What comes out of the taskforce is a serious work
- We have a new graduate student on the task force Chris Batten. All search committee will ensure best practices.
- This has come full circle and today very uniquely there are three broad things: structural components where do we have things that are not allowing MICA to be the place we say we are. Speed is a portion of this, Internal cultural conversation. Leadership and students can't do it on our own we need to do it together.
- Power speaker series! Motor house next Tuesday 6-8 Panel discussion with youth leadership and creative way to provide counter ways

QUESTION: Increased security on the bridge?

- We can continue to look for other ways, with increase personnel, possibly having self defense classes? RAD Rape Aggression Defense, officers will be conducting that training.
- Is there a way we can increase the relationship with UB?
- They are restricted to their campus, and we work with Midtown officers, in Bolton Hill. Hopkins is coming a little more on this side, it will increase our uniform presence.