1. Call to Order and Welcome
   1. We act as the voice for 4,500 grad students by interfacing with the administration
   2. Today we focused on introducing the GSG committees and their roles
      1. Internal Affairs
         1. Operations inside the GSG
      2. Student Affairs
         1. Advocacy relevant to students
      3. Senate committees
         1. Interacting with administrators
2. Committee Introductions
   1. Internal affairs
      1. The communications committee focuses on advertising events and opportunities to the public
      2. The events committee is in charge of planning and running large scale events such as the Forum and Gala
      3. The social committee plans and takes part in social events put on by the GSG
   2. Student affairs
      1. Serves as the advocacy arm of the GSG
      2. Diversity
         1. Advocate for the needs and concerns for all groups on campus
         2. Culturally themed events to stimulate the conversation on diversity
      3. Student life
         1. Advocates for the needs of grad students by improving their living and learning experience
            1. Student fees
            2. Transportation and parking
      4. Sustainability
         1. Works toward education on recycling, taking care of Fairfield park, and advancing the restoration of Solar One
      5. Mental health
         1. Promotes mental health and well-being of graduate students
         2. Seeks to spread the EmPOWER program to the college of engineering and, eventually, the entire university
         3. Works to remove the stigmas associated mental health
      6. Community engagement
         1. A course of study to be involved in a the Newark community that is involved with the student’s thesis or dissertation in some way
   3. Membership
      1. Senator responsibilities
         1. Attend public meetings or send a proxy
         2. Vote for legislation & during elections
         3. Serve on at least one committee
         4. Provide updates, encourage attendance, and be available to department members
      2. Voting must be submitted to Moiyad or Kelsie
   4. Questions about committees
      1. Are there any committees that are engaged in advocating for graduate students with families?
   5. Parliamentary affairs
      1. Overview of Robert’s rules
         1. Any motion made must be seconded
         2. The parliamentarian will keep the conversation on topic
         3. The parliamentarian will consider both sides of the debate
         4. Each senator may only speak twice per topic
            1. A senator may give a 10 minute speech at most
            2. Each topic may only be discussed once per meeting
         5. Legislation can be amended during open floor and during senate floor.
   6. External Committees
      1. Members of external committees must report what occurs during public meetings.
   7. **Report on the Graduate College by Mike Bush**
      1. The establishment of an 8th college has been proposed in order to serve the graduate student body specifically. The mission statement and bylaws must be completed and approved by January 2019.
         1. The graduate college will not affect any program that already exists in another college
      2. **The graduate college’s main goal is to facilitate and expand the resources that are available to graduate students**
         1. It seeks to increase the ease of creating cross-college programs of study
      3. The current version of the mission statement and the vision statement are on their way to faculty senate and will be released at the next GSG public meeting
         1. The bylaws have been drafted but remain under review
      4. The graduate college was initially meant to be funded by the Stewart Grant. However, the donation has been declined due to alleged allegations of harassment.
         1. As a result, President Assanis is working on finding funding
      5. The GSG president has a say in what the graduate college develops into
      6. Questions:
         1. Will there be courses that are applicable to all graduate students, such as “How to teach” or “How to get funding”?
            1. Most likely, yes
         2. How will the GSG be incorporated into the organizational structure of the Graduate College?
            1. Currently, the plan is to incorporate the GSG into the Graduate College in a similar way to its current standing with the OGPE.
            2. Graduate student representatives will remain a part of the Graduate College
         3. Will this be similar to how the GSG is currently incorporated to the OGPE, or will it be in a more meaningful way that make it a part of the decision making of the Graduate College? Will it carry significant weight?
            1. It is likely that its standing will be more powerful than its current form, but it will carry less weight than an organization like faculty senate
         4. Is it your goal as the GSG president to increase the voice of the graduate students in the university as a whole?
            1. Yes
         5. Will existing programs be moved to the grad college?
            1. No. Only new programs will be housed there. However, programs may choose to be moved to the Graduate College if they so desire.
         6. Is it possible to circulate the mission statement of the Graduate College amongst members of the GSG?
            1. Yes, but there is an informal level of confidentiality. Documents will not be released in an unfinished form, but the accepted drafts will be brought to the GSG for review
         7. Can the GSG make changes to the document? Before it goes to faculty senate?
            1. Yes. The GSG will be incorporated into the review process.
3. **Organizational Delegates**
   1. There is a new organization called **ATLAS** on campus that focuses on **Scientific Communication**. It hosts events and skill development workshops. If there is any interest in joining the organization as an officer or committee member, there are sign ups on this link <https://goo.gl/forms/8jS65HJDYJ6aTXXv1>
   2. The **Scientista Foundation** is surveying for interest in their organization. They focus on **empowering women in STEM fields** at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional level. They have opportunities for founding a graduate chapter and networking. Anyone interested is encouraged to check out their mission statement <http://www.scientistafoundation.com/about-us.html> and fill out this survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PW7QG5Q> . Their first meeting takes place on September 21st at 5:30pm in Wolf Hall Room 100. A social happy hour on main street will take place afterwards.
   3. The **Materials Research Society (MRS)** will be holding a fundraiser at Chipotle on October 9 from 17:00 to 21:00. All proceeds go toward improving public education and outreach. Come by and show your support!
4. Open floor
   1. Resolution SR1819-01: Reinstatement of the Mental Health Committee
      1. Based on the successful program in Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, the GSG moves to reinstate the mental health committee.
         1. It focuses on expanding the resources available to graduate students that lowers stigmas about mental health
      2. The program seeks to:
         1. Lower the barrier to access a support network and provide mentorship from senior students to incoming ones
         2. Bridge the gap between students and professionals. Serious issues should be referred to mental health resources on campus
         3. Develop the necessary documentation in the counseling centre to serve as a university-wide program.
   2. Resolution SR 1819-02: Reinstatement of the Community Engagement Committee
      1. This committee seeks to teach interested graduate students about performing community engaged activities
      2. Last year, a document with a suggested course of study on community-engaged scholarship was proposed to the university registrar, which received extensive reviews. It covered topics such as:
         1. What community engaged projects are
         2. How to engage with communities
         3. What the course entails
            1. It would require a community-engaged project.
            2. The benefits of the course would be similar to having a certificate of completion with one’s degree
5. Deputy Parliamentarian Nominations
   1. Nominee Gunner Taylor is passionate for the goals of the GSG and believes he has the necessary skills in writing to fulfill the position.
6. Senate Floor
   1. Old business
      1. May minutes approved
   2. New business
      1. Mental health ad-hoc committee reinstatement passes
      2. Community engagement ad-hoc committee reinstatement passes
      3. Gunner Taylor is elected to the position of Deputy Parliamentarian
7. Announcements and Committee Signups
   1. The GSG will be hosting a potluck picnic in Farifield park on Saturday 22 September from 16:00 to 19:00. All senators and students are welcome and invited to attend
8. Adjournment
   1. Remarks from Dr. Martin
      1. The university need students that aren’t official members to represent the needs of the graduate student body.
      2. We must try to engage our students. We need to be active as a GSG if desire representation in the future Graduate College.
      3. The OGPE will cover much of the communications this year by sending event invites to the entire graduate student body
         1. It can be difficult to reach constituents as a senator alone, so they will supplement our efforts of outreach
      4. OGPE works with the GSG on its proposals such as:
         1. The EmPOWER program & Community Engagement initiative
         2. The work done by GSG eventually goes to the faculty senate floor for discussion