

GSAS Teaching Center Update – Mr. Phillipson

There are new approaches being planned in the Teaching Center and they are harvesting new ideas from the stakeholders. The CNMTL (Center for New Media Teaching and Learning) enhance teaching and learning through the purposeful use of new media and technology. They also have a Faculty support unit and there is an interest to expand the service to the students. There are plans to hold 4-5 PM drop-in clinics over the semester about teaching at Columbia, teaching and presentation skills. They are tweeting @gsasteaching articles of interest. Other topic of discussion include-stress and navigating responsibilities in undergrads, better digital tools, extending discussion beyond classroom, multimedia tools in-house in Columbia, cloud services in teaching and communication, reputation management in social media. They are soliciting suggestions on where on campus a Teaching Center should be located. There are benefits to a dedicated space. They are also interested in holding formal and informal events, using interstitial spaces to build circles and networking and linking grading and teaching. Columbia and rest of the world-encourage learning activities that are exposed to the public. If Columbia moves to graduate student development, they want to ensure that skills are transferable outside academia. Their office is in the Butler Library-please pass on the ideas and office hours to your constituency. Different universities have different ways to use Teaching Centers with Michigan being the oldest. The representatives from Columbia's Teaching Center will be going on a learning trip to various campuses to bring back the best practices. Trying to decide on pedagogy (e.g. grading essays) versus focusing on technical questions.

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GSAC update - Hamdi

- EVP search
 - Growing focus on nurturing the sciences. Lack of space, Pupin renovation is costing ~\$100 Million. More details in the handout
- Instructional Demands- Global Centers for use by graduate students.
- New graduate lounge to be ready by around the end of August-September. Losing time for 301 Philosophy. Choice of closing it early or later. Votes for early closure-11. Closure at end of semester-7, Abstain-4. And early deadline was decided.
- The [Arts Initiative at Columbia University](#) was seeking a student representative from each school to join a new Advisory Group for the Arts Initiative. The

Advisory Group will serve to provide feedback, suggest enhancements, and serve as ambassadors for the Arts Initiative's mission and programs. Pieter J. Vanhove (pjv2108@columbia.edu) nominated himself and was approved by the GSAC Plenary body to serve as the GSAS student representative for the Arts Initiative Advisory Group

- GSAC Research Conference:

This will be an annual one-day event that will showcase outstanding research and creative projects by Columbia graduate students. This event is aimed at fostering and promoting the rich research environment of Columbia University. This event will also provide an opportunity for graduate students to develop and enhance their skills in research preparation and presentation. The event is tentatively scheduled on the 29th March. GSAC will be reserving space in Lerner Hall. The Communications Chair has sent reminders to the Fall-2012 GSAC travel grant recipients. The scope for a poster presentation was discussed but was not approved, as it is not required in some fields. The final vote for the budget and approval of the conference will be held at the February plenary meeting.

- Alumni Affairs:

Alumni networking event in April is being planned. This will be a pan-GSAS event and a 3:1 student to alumni ratio is being targeted. Currently, this is being advertised to the alumni and the registration for the event will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. The events will be advertised through standard GSAC procedures. There are plans by the Center for Career Education ([CCE](#)) to hold fireside chats with the alumni. These typically involve 25 students and an alumnus. Such opportunities will also be advertised when details are available. Kindly publicize the career resources available from CCE and GSAC to your student body.

- Arts4Grads:

- New singer auditions for the Collegium Musicum group-The details are on the on the [website](#).
- Festifall Chamber of Music Concert - Jazz (Miller) followed by GSAC reception co-sponsored by School of Arts. More details [here](#).
- Please support Arts4Grads on the social networks.

- Social:

- Tease has been delayed to Feb 7th.
- Events being planned-Comedy show, Upright Citizen Brigade, Valentines Day special, skiing trip and a wine tasting that was well received the last time it was held.