

1. Asha De Costa, Associate Director of Wellness gave a brief introduction of her role-
 - Focus on overall SEAS graduate student wellness
 - Foster a healthy environment for all students
 - Connect students to right services depending on their needs
 - She briefly spoke about upcoming Wellness programs, like midnight breakfast and yoga sessions.
 - Volunteer Opportunities with her:
 - Help with upcoming Wellness website
 - Help with designing a logo
 - Help guide to first generation college students
 - Help guide to LGBTQ students
 - She has small Wellness cards that can be easily distributed to friends

2. Budget Committee Updates:
 - Ashritha met with her committee last week
 - 13 groups recognized for funding (Did not review for 6 groups as some had already allocated funds for the year)
 - 7 new proposals to review. Details about Amount requested, comments and approved were shared.
 - These numbers not fixed, funding can be given on an Event by event basis
 - Decision taken based on past performance and needs and how many students they reach out to.
 - PDL Scholarship- Open it up latest by Oct 15- Window of 2 weeks to apply to the scholarship.
 - Encouraged DRs to Spread the word about PDL scholarship

3. Communications Chair Updates:
 - Details about Boat Cruise Movie Ticket Giveaway
 - Upcoming work : Put up PDL details on the Website and advertise on Social Media
 - Start Work on events page of website

4. Social
 - Boat Cruise instructions for Volunteers
 - Plan to host a Game night this semester, potentially also do an EGSC casino in Carleton
 - Halloween Social with IGB, more details next week

5. Interschool:
 - International CoffeeHouse- October 17 3-4:30- No Eventbrite, open to all to encourage more participation
 - Halloween social– waiting for other schools to confirm attendance. More details next week

6. President

- Spoke about volunteering opportunities on campus with IGB, SHAC and SLAC
 - IGB- Michael Kraus, ,
 - SHAC- Shreya Narasimhan
 - SLAC- Divya Bhansali
- Mudd Garage- Extended hours- Sundays on 8 Hours- 10 to 6 pm are preferred hours on Sunday
- Public Safety shuttles: Extending to the 90's- we need more data. DRs should reach out to students to find out how many frequent users need the extension
- Health Insurance Plan: Many complaints about inconvenience, Collect more data, statistics, so we can figure out what to do,
- Late payment issues for PhD students- currently ignore charges on SSOL
- Sprintax: Tax issues, complaints regarding difficulty of use, take up with ISSO
- DRs will be introduced to admins in Dept, more details next week regarding lead DR

I'm a graduate student in Data Science interested in solving problems at the intersection of the media and technology industries. I'm also passionate about using my technical and non-technical skillset to build people-centric and impact-oriented products. My research at Columbia involved working with a team of anthropologists to analyze traits of peaceful societies and building an early warning tool to detect violent trends in countries using data science fundamentals. The research taught me how to approach and give structure to a vaguely defined problem and collaborate with non-technical stakeholders to build a product with real-world applications. I am a strong proponent of using Data for Good and I am excited by the potential data has to improve the lives of people around the world.