• **Title IX:** Sara Matthiesen, a postdoc in American Studies, came to speak to us from the Title IX Office, which covers things including discrimination based on gender or sexuality, discrimination based on pregnancy or parenting status, stalking, sexual assault, and sexual harassment. The Title IX Office is trying to think carefully about the status of graduate students as new in their career and dependent on their mentors in a very different way than undergraduates; if you come to the Title IX Office, Sara wants to make it clear that they will be keenly aware of the issues facing grad students. Additionally, the process that occurs after a student brings a complaint against a faculty member has been updated and improved: it now follows an investigative model, and the results of the investigation will be presented to a panel. If the case involves a student, the panel will now also include a student (previously the panel was made up of 3 tenured faculty members).

• **PhD & MS Commencement Speakers:** We heard speeches from 6 applicants interested in serving as commencement speakers, voted, and chose 2 speakers.

• **Dean of the Graduate School:** The new Dean of the Graduate School is Andrew Campbell. He will start on July 1, and is very open to graduate student feedback.

• **GSC-SUGSE Survey:** In Physical Sciences, approximately 35% of people do not feel their department is an inclusive community. Over half of students in Physical Sciences do not feel their department is transparent about decisions that impact grad students.

• **Committee Vacancy:** Every decade Brown has to undergo an accreditation process. As part of this process, the university is setting up a new committee: the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Steering Committee. There is a position open for one graduate student rep on this committee. If you are interested, email Alastair Tulloch at gsc_nominations@brown.edu. The application is due at midnight on Thursday, April 7.

• **Slack:** This chat board is a new means of creating conversation and community between grad students. Interested in joining? Email Kevin Cannon at gsc_tech@brown.edu.

• **Upcoming Event:** The GSC Spring Formal will take place on April 29, 2016 at the RI Convention Center. There will not be a shuttle because last year only 7 people used this transport. The price at the door for grad students is $10. Tickets will be on sale ahead of time as well: the advance ticket price for grad students is $10 or $5 with a canned food donation (for an advance guest ticket, the price for their ticket is $10, or $5 with an additional food donation). The ticket sales schedule is available here: http://students.brown.edu/gsc/calendar/. There will be two free drink tickets per person.

• **Elections:** The positions of Masters Advocate and Treasurer will be voted on next meeting.

• **Next GSC Meeting:** The next GSC meeting (the last meeting of the semester) will take place on Wednesday, May 4, at 7 PM in the Grad Lounge. All are welcome and pizza & beer are served.