• **B-GRIPS:** B-GRIPS is a new pilot program supported by the Ombuds Office that will provide grad students with peer advisors who are trained in conflict resolution. These advisors will be available to help address the challenges that come up in grad school (whether personal or academic) and point students to additional campus resources. B-GRIPS peer advisors will be paid around $2000/year in the form of an honorarium, so international students will be eligible to receive this payment if they serve as B-GRIPS advisors. Questions? Email Ida_Yalzadeh@brown.edu.

• **Assoc. Dean of Master’s Education:** Shayna Kessel came to visit the GSC; she is enthusiastic about supporting students and encouraged us to email her or come see her in her office if we ever have a problem. She would like to meet with students from every department to hear about what is going well or poorly in their program.

• **CAPS:** CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services) will now offer appointments to grad students on Saturdays.

• **Grad Lounge Changes:** The GSC is considering making improvements to the Grad Student Lounge – look out for a proposal from the GSC about these possible changes and a call for feedback/suggestions.

• **Grad School Dean:** There are 7 (internal) candidates for the position of Dean of the Graduate School, and they will be interviewed by members of the GSC exec board starting next week. The GSC will follow up with more info as they learn more.

• **DDIAP:** Every department on campus is required to create their own DDIAP (Departmental Diversity & Inclusion Action Plan) by June 2016. Departments are encouraged to involve grad students in this work.

• **Committee Vacancies:** There are openings on the Diversity & Inclusion Oversight Board (application deadline: March 2), the University Recourses Committee (application deadline: March 4), and the Library Advisory Board (application deadline: TBA). Questions? Contact the GSC Nominations Officer, Alastair Tulloch.

• **International Orientation Grad Student Assistant Position:** The GSC is looking for someone interested in serving as a part-time assistant for international orientation this August (this person would preferably then serve as a full-time assistant next year).

• **Upcoming Events:** The next GSC event is the St. Patty’s Day Pub Night at Hanley’s Ale House on March 18. The GSC will also be hosting a trivia night on April 1.

• **Next GSC Meeting:** The next GSC meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 6, at 7 PM in the Grad Lounge. All are welcome and pizza & beer are served.