I. Brief Reports

- Academics Committee

Cory absent in Graduate Studies Committee meeting - Artemis spoke about the logistics of the Everhart Lecture Series Presentation. The selected speakers are Katie Galloway (Chemical Engineering), Mansi Kasliwal (Astronomy / Astrophysics), and Roseanna Zia (Mechanical Engineering). Cory is also working on the Lab Reviews from Graduate students who are exiting the institution. Academics had previously been working with ASCIT to record some courses and make them available on the web. It looks like the efforts are moving forward so I'll have some updates about that probably mid March.

- Advocacy Committee

Megan – Advocacy had the Diversity Council meeting. The campus is focusing a lot on recruiting minority undergraduates, primarily on racial minorities and female admits. They seem to be doing a better job than previous years, but have had some issues with behavior within the houses. So they are having some retreats and programs focused on diversity. Also, there was some discussion of students from similar races pooling in the same houses. There was some discussion of the way in which students are placed in houses (for instance, making it random).

Some concern with the Tech becoming too offensive.

Megan has struggled to get the Council to focus on campus wide diversity in recruitment and in educating members of the Caltech community. Perhaps we need to focus on educating people to be more respectful before targeting greater diversity in recruitment.

Jelena – regarding the diversity training to educate students about how to respect other students with different backgrounds: are there also programs to help to improve social skills? Should this be incorporated into orientation programs? Suggest different programs to the Diversity Center to help educate on various issues.

-Social Committee

Winter Term Party on Saturday night – Alice in Wonderland themed. Need volunteers to help – starting setup at 4pm and cleanup starting 1:30 am.
There will be a GUSH next Friday night, January 21\textsuperscript{st}.

\textbf{-URS Advocates}

There will be a Valentine’s day chocolate tasting on campus organized by Allison in collaboration with the Women’s Center.

\textbf{-Sustainability Advocates}

There’s a meeting today at 3:30pm – get in touch with Global Inheritance (organizing it) who have tickets available. Looking for people to get involved in making a hand-crank listening station (something like an mp3-player powered by hand only) for Coachella. Mostly involved just in designing the device – not putting it together.

Net Impact is doing a movie this Thursday about plastic waste.

\textbf{-GRB}

Maggie away, but Rob will be leading the restructuring of GRB in the coming months.

\textbf{II. Discussion}

1) Safety Net Working group progress presentation by Philipp Boettcher and questions

Caltech Counseling Center website has information on the Safety Net
- There is a lot of information on depression and suicide
- The Safety Net working group is making the website interactive so that people can view videos and engage in simple tasks on the “Flash Presentation on Caltech’s Safety Net”

The Coffee Hours represent a unique opportunity as far as the Safety Net is concerned.
- People will come with concerns
- BoD members should be alert to any changes in behavior, especially among people they know
- If concerned about someone, based on your comfort level, there are people you can talk to about those concerns

Jelena – to what extent can we/do we have the right to say to someone that we think someone is depressed or may need someone to talk to?

Phil – the important thing is to change the general climate that places a stigma on getting help for someone

Lauren – is it possible that talking to someone who you are concerned about may cause more harm than good?
Phil – not certain that he is the authority to speak on whether or not this can cause more harm than good. He suggested looking at the flash presentation and the information on the website.

Focused on the community building aspect of the Safety Net. As GSC BoD members, he stressed the important role we can play by listening to concerns at the BoD Coffee hours.

The script for the video has been written – there is a meeting tomorrow and some work has begun on the filming.

2) Follow up from December meeting: introduction of gsc option reps to the rest of the option.

Perhaps send a link to the Safety Net presentation with the introduction email.

Other Issues

Megan – some concern that there is nobody on campus with expertise in dealing with and promoting LGBTQ issues – would like to see someone else hired by Caltech (funding through Student Affairs). Need to change the perception that going to the Caltech Counseling Center has a stigma or implies that you have a mental health issue.

Put together a one page list of emails and contacts for all general concerns that people may have (currently in progress).

III. Announcements/Reminders
Winter Term party this Saturday, January 15th!