GPSA Student Advocacy Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 19th, 2018  
2:00 – 3:30 PM  
Fernow Hall Room G01

1. Administrative Business (10-15 minutes)
   a. Attendance
   b. Is everybody on listserv, facebook, and slack?
   c. Assign Roles
      i. Secretary (to take meeting minutes) – Alexa Cohn volunteered

2. New Business (30-45 minutes)
   a. Review SAC & DISC Townhall
      i. Student disability services and mental health services
         1. President Pollack and VP Lombardi say that there is big news on the horizon for mental health issues, will be engaging with the GPSA on the initiatives
         2. Need to follow up with students at the Town Hall to make sure they are receiving their disability accommodations
         3. Graduate school and Faculty Senate sent out weekly newsletter to faculty that said that accommodations need to be provided to those students with disabilities – short email, need students to come forward and explain their experiences
      ii. International Students
         1. Concerns brought up about TOEFL requirements, maybe the website should be updated so students who went to international universities taught in English are not required to meet the same standards as other international students
            a. If it is a website issue – make sure to find out who runs the website and ask them to change it
            b. If it is a policy issue – speak to the General Committee of the GPSA and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in the Graduate School to find out whose purview this policy falls under
      a. Students who still pass the TOEFL are required to take an English proficiency course to TA
         a. Reach out to students to find out what the requirements are to see if they can be modified to be more welcoming and less discriminatory
   iii. Transportation
      a. Accessible parking
         1. Snow plows are actively pushing snow into handicapped spots, especially Hasbrouck Apartments