The APD Committee met with Assistant Dean Robin Ladouceur, who, in addition to her work in academic administration, also works on communication-related issues for the Graduate School, in particular relating to social media and a planned website redesign project. Dean Ladouceur spoke to APD about the possibilities for the new Graduate School website.

First, strategies for collecting student feedback were discussed. Approaches included:
- Soliciting feedback at the General Assembly meeting
- Add website-related questions to the general graduate student life survey being prepared
- Address the website at departmental meetings

Dean Ladouceur explained that she was interested in gathering qualitative data from the APD and others in order to make information more accessible to various constituencies, and that she hopes for a cleaner, modern design.

A question introduced in the discussion was: what is the audience of the website? Who uses it most?

Graduate students said that they used the website primarily to locate contact information of various staff, look up building locations, and locate forms.

The timeframe for the website is at least one year. The process will involve designing the site architecture over the summer, implementation during the next academic year, and an unveiling of the new site next May or the following September.

Students suggested various possibilities for the website, including
- A wiki approach to enhance the community-building aspects of the site. The problem with this approach is the learning curve of the software.
- A message board behind a CAS login page – this would allow Yale-affiliated individuals to create and respond to topics, generating a useful knowledge base.
- A communal calendar for Yale events, customizable in various ways and possibly integrated with Google Calendar

The APD also met with a representative of the Yale College Sophomore Class Council about the possible expansion of undergraduate-graduate mentoring opportunities. The Grad Affiliate program already exists for this purpose, but grad affiliates are inaccessible to students in colleges other than their own. This new program would pair undergraduates interested in a particular subject or field with graduate students doing relevant research. It was suggested that a list, updated yearly, of interested graduate student mentors and their contact information be maintained by the GSA and be made available to the undergraduates.