PRESIDENT REPORT (Julia Bradley-Cook)

- Welcome
- Dental Update
- From Dental Care Action Team
- Introduction of Tricia Spellman (Assistant Vice President for Finance; in charge of health plan) and a representative from the Dean’s office
  - Presentation about the current DSGHP. Contracted with Klais and Company
  - Students pay a deductible and still pay fees, with the majority of expenses covered
    - Our health care complies with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliance
  - Preventative care and contraception are covered at 100%
  - Majority of people that are enrolled in DSGHP – graduate students, mostly from Arts and Sciences
  - Premium is as low as possible, while raising it 1% yearly (set on projected expenses)
  - Overview of Dental Plan
  - Have heard the concern about dental coverage from the graduate population
  - Three potential options to pursue – feedback from the GSC is critical
    1) It will not be self funded – it will be fully insured by Delta Dental
    2) Self funded – Dartmouth will take the risk, but it will still be managed by an outside provider like Klais and Company
    3) Dental Discount Savings Plan – negotiating discounts with dentists (ex: Basix); Dartmouth will pay an access fee
      a. Students will have to self-pay for dental services.
    - The issue is with payment. The dental services that exist in the area do not accept insurance – although a claim can be filed later, payor has to pay upfront and get reimbursed later
  - Every dental plan seen has a maximum benefit
  - Asked Delta dental to give an estimate – very expensive
  - If only grad students price is $255.24 for PPO, $299.28 for PPO plus premier dollars, but this is not an optional opt-out program. If it is an opt-out, price will be higher
  - Not clear if PI will pay or student
    - Note: The money will have to come from somewhere if we propose dental coverage; for instance, no stipend increase for dental coverage is an option
  - Orthodontics are not included as part of dental coverage
  - Note: Accidental coverage – If you fall from a bike and need dentistry, it is covered under the medical plan currently
  - $1000 no-interest loans can be given by Graduate Studies in case of emergency
  - Conclusion:
Public Transportation Action Team
  - From 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – currently discussing the option of rerouting the Dartmouth campus shuttle to ply to DHMC
    - Last round to Lebanon, West Lebanon, White River Junction, and potentially Wilder
  - Proposal looks promising – costs could be covered mostly by different schools

Graduate Studies Survey – remind students in the department
Graduate Appreciation Week – stay tuned online in gazetteer and grad news forum

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Justin Richardson)
- Council of Graduate Studies
  - Discussion of new applicants, new things in the programs

LANDERS REPORT (Kerry Landers)
- PhD Survey – completed
- Introduction: Elizabeth Molina-Markham, Grad Forum Web Content Editor
  - Graduate students are encouraged to write to the graduate forum
  - Email Elizabeth with ideas

ACTIVITIES REPORT (Gilbert Rahme, Lisa Jackson)
- Storage Space – temporarily available
- Potential Tuck Social Collaboration – working on a collaborative event

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT (Adrienne Perkins)
- Finance Report

ACADEMIC CHAIR REPORT (Richard Lopez)
- Feedback from February interdepartmental tea (IDTea)
  - Very successful – planning on a more frequent basis
- Feedback from the successful February Nerd Nite
- Announcement of next IDTea
- Next in early April – potentially host it for grad appreciation week

STUDENT LIFE CHAIR REPORT (Ron Bucca)
- Wi-fi Update
  - Wi-fi coverage – trying to expand to graduate housing in Hanover
  - Will meet with Mr. Frazer next and specify costs
- Dental Care – see above
- Ideas for the “Graduate Day of Caring”
  - Help different local organizations
  - Proposed date – the week before graduation

GSAC REPORT (Dan Durcan)
- Lebanese cooking night – very successful, thanks to Gilbert Rahme!
• Indian cooking night – March 5
• St. Patrick’s Day party/dinner – March 15
  o Tom Dent cabin
• Grad appreciation week
  o Pub night at Molly’s
  o Wine and Cheese night
  o Suggestions welcome
    ▪ Grad Open Mic night?
    ▪ Karaoke night?

NORTH PARK REPORT (Regina Salvat)
• Lebanese cooking night – very successful
• Indian cooking night – March 5
• St. Patrick’s Day party/dinner – March 15

GSC WEBSITE COMMITTEE (Nicholas Tito)
• New .edu website
• Event slider (big change)
• Revised student organization list (description of the groups)
  o Submit link tab for the gazetteer and website
• Please send feedback. We’re always improving

ANNOUNCEMENTS
• Volunteer for Venefit (Katie Kinnaird, previously associated with GSC)
  o Looking for volunteers for V-day (e-mail: Katherine.m.kinnaird.gr@dartmouth.edu)

ACTION ITEMS
• Approve February meeting minutes – approved unanimously