UPDATES AND REVIEWS

PRESIDENT REPORT (Wesley Whitaker)

- Strategic Planning Update
  - Another meeting coming up on Dec 1st. 745-1030 am. One open seat.
  - Met with the consultants last week. Drew up a report on how to improve Dartmouth.
  - Future of Dartmouth from a digital standpoint. Administrators all in support of increasing the size of the graduate programs.
  - 8:30-11:30am Dec 1: Future of Dining Services meeting.
- Holiday Party
  - December 8th
- Food Drive
  - Reps will bring cans to Holiday Party.
- New Gazetteer
  - In the middle of organizing email lists still
- Vacant rep positions
  - At the end of the week, we will have a letter to the grad student body detailing what we have accomplished this last year
  - Have five vacant dept rep positions
  - Chair on computing and library counsel rep positions still need to be filled
  - HOP GSAC rep position has been filled
- New Blitz...calendar
  - Should we allow open access to each other’s calendars to make it easier to book meetings? Need an outlook interface. Recommend to next years Exec Board.
- January meeting
  - Move January meeting to Jan 10th or 17th, vote at next meeting.
- Ivy Summit
  - Wesley taught one of the break out sessions on computing
  - Discussion on not having the financial burden on the host university. Each school will give $500 to attend the conference. Did not vote into the constitution. Suggest that we put money away each year so we can afford the cost of hosting the conference.
  - MIT has these task forces to address yearly themes I.e. sustainability, visibility, grad student space, etc
  - Some of the bigger counsels have subcommittees
  - At orientation, target people with more academic information
    - Career development for time management
    - Task force for career development

VP Report (Aarathi Prasad)
• Inviting GSC-recognized group leaders to discuss the success of their activities in the fall term. We can learn how they are using their block funding. We can have a block funding review at the end of every term.

• Hiring a grad/undergrad to work on the GSC website, update facebook page and grad student open forum website. Need reps to vote on it. Form a counsel to revamp the GSC website and manage it.

ACADEMIC REPORT (Julia Bradley-Cook)
• Grad Student Travel Grant awardees selected
  o Reviewed applications for GSC travel grant. Had 3 applicants. Gave funding to all three of them. One person received $250, the other received $125 each.

NP Report (Regina Salvat)
• Success of the tailgate series

• Study break
  o This weekend for NP. Ornaments making or hot chocolate.

• NP amazing race
  o Subcommittee to organize the amazing race. Have monthly meetings.

GSAC Report (Erin O’Flaherty)
• NP/GSAC Tailgate series: Possible Extension
  o Ongoing breakfasts at NP. Stop by and chat with people. Ask reps to be involved—have someone take over.

• Wine Crate Tasting: Possible Dates
  o Educational. Max ~20-25 people.