Meeting Minutes: Tue, Aug 4th, 2009 @ 5:30 PM, 1930's Room in Rockefeller Center

WELCOME (James H for Tina C.): guests please check in with Li C.
- June 2nd, 2009 minutes approved (yay : nay : abstention = 21 : 0 : 3)

ACTION ITEMS
- Approval of title change for Records Chair to Secretary (yay : nay : abstention = 18 : 2 : 4)

UPDATES & REVIEWS

PRESIDENT REPORT (James H. for Tina C.)
- PhD/MBA program approved
- Stipend increase
- Dinner with President Kim was successful – He is eager to address grad student issues.
  (Contact Tina C. for suggestions on things we should push for.)
- Meeting with Provost:
  - Dental/Vision insurance is not likely to happen soon.
  - Dartmouth ID for spouses unlikely but will work on getting discounts
  - Fate of Cafe North undecided
- Orientation days for grad students: Sept 21 and Sept 22

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT (James H. & Lola T.)
- Letter to first year grad student to be sent out
  (in collaboration with Casey and Michael with the orientation guide)

FINANCIAL REPORT (Nimit D.)
- Finance Budget for ’09-’10 and Finances for July ’09
  (Will fix discrepancy and revise designation of use.)
- Obtain external funding via selling ad spaces in print version of the Orientation Guide.
  (Contact Li C. if reps are interested in helping with this.)

ACTIVITIES REPORT (Katie K. & Jeremy H.)
- Garden Party (July 18)
- Upcoming Event: GSC Pig Roast: Fri., Aug 14 @ DOC
  (Exact time unknown, but probably 5:30 pm at the earliest – look for e-mail notifications)
- IM Sports currently on hold (waiting for response from administrations)
- Orientation Events:
  - Mug Party (aka First Year Party on Sept 22)
  - Service Day (Four projects, includes gardening and trail work on Sept 26)
  - BEMA (will be held with DMS on Oct 3rd)

ACADEMICS REPORT (Annalies V.)
- Career Fairs:
  - Will be asking for assistance from MIT on how to set up our own.
  - Note that lots of popular companies do attend career fairs already held at Dartmouth. Will work on publicizing this information to all grad students.
  - For local companies, contact Thayer. Will also work on organizing our own.
- GSC Conference Grant is still in working process.
- Working on letter to graduate alumni to increase number of graduate mentors in industry
- Need more people on the academic committee. Please contact Annalies V if interested.

STUDENT LIFE REPORT (Casey M.)
- Nugget Tickets – Grad Student Pricing
- Facebook page for incoming Graduate Students
- Orientation Guide: Summer Mailing Document OGRES!
  - Will send out e-mail version before first years arrive for orientation.
  - Will also print if printing price is reasonable and money can be made from ads.

NORTH PARK REPORT (Michael H.)
- Orientation wine and cheese even to be held in Sept
- Potential extra orientation event for earlier students

LANDERS REPORT (Kerry L.)
- Will work out potential time conflict between Inauguration of President Kim and Orientation.
- Graduate alumni share experiences in industry and academia with grad students
  (Event is on Monday, August 10 @ 12 noon. Sign up if interested.)

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:34 PM