Meeting Minutes: Tues, Aug 3rd, 2010 @ 5:30 PM, Haldeman 125

PRESIDENT’S WELCOME (Marcella Lucas): guests please check in with Aarathi Prasad

- Ice Cream Social
  - Thursday 4-5:30, Baseball on the Green/ Icecream social
  - Make others aware of the Graduate Students community

- DMS Class Speaker
  - Two people on committee to select class speaker
  - Prefer students who graduated this year
  - Will start looking in Sept-Oct

- Website
  - Email GSC/Aarathi with feedback

OLD BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of June 2010 minutes
  - Yay(15), Abstention (0)

- GSC Recognition Groups (Li Chang)
  - Graduate Outing Club [GOC] – Yay(17) Approved
    - Preferential treatment for Arts & Sciences
    - DMS students also invited
    - Talked with Brian and Kerry, and will blitz out to incoming students.

- Dartmouth Graduate Vegetarians and Vegans – Yay(14) Approved
  - No limit to the number of people who attend potlucks
  - Coordinated with undergrads, so will get speakers etc

- Proposed Budget (Ashley Zurawel) – Yay(7), Nay(11)
  - This year, student organizations applied for block funding

Discussions about the budget

- Events :
  - BiMonthly Grad Beer Night – new event. place for grad students to hang out. GSC exposure every other week.
  - Grad Appreciation Week – last year, this event didn’t have much of GSC influence. Expenses will be taken care of by the Grad Studies office.
  - Winter semiformal – more money in reserve, in case Hanover inn doesn’t give food waiver. Also can use extra money to make events better, so that more students will attend events.
  - General funds – just in case we do want to be part of some other events, those which are not listed in the usual list of events
  - In case one event goes under budget, can we move it to some other event? Within GSC activities, it is possible. We can vote to move it to other events as well. Should show both proposed and changed amounts together on the same finance snapshot.
- Student Organizations
  - Dartmoose asked for 6700 (allotted $1500) to cover overall cost of icetime, equipment. Popular activity for graduate students (20+). 3 years back, they asked for $500. They will figure out how to provide for the rest.
  - Green Orpheus – $100 to cover the meetings
  - Scary precedent that 20 people group can get a huge amount. A lot of student based money to block at the beginning of the year. Why don’t we block just a small amount for now and let them ask for event-based, so that they can have more graduate students participate? Wouldn’t it be better to pay this group more now, since other groups might not need the rest of the money?

- Exec board meetings – all can run for the Exec board, so the meetings are open to all Graduate students
- Nugget tickets included in Student Life block funding

- Why was budget rejected? Points to be considered when the budget is presented in September’s meeting
  - Show clearly what the money is being used for. Show the past two years allocations and actual expenditures
  - It was stated clearly in previous meetings that if you are interested in specifics of the budget that you should be part of committee – even if you are not part of the committee, people should be given all the information. Most of the amounts are the same, except for block funding for organizations
  - Without having seen past years, the issues can’t be raised/addressed. Previous year budgets will be given to the reps. Submit your issues, if any, by the 10th
  - Or proposed budget can be analyzed section-wise to see where people have issues

- People who want to see past years (yay-11), who want to see section-wise(yay-5), abstain(3)

- Those who have issues should attend the next budget committee meeting and one person represent these issues in the next GSC meeting

**UPDATES & REVIEWS**

**LANDERS REPORT** (Kerry Landers)
- Parking fee increase
  - was part of a survey which was sent out before they cut down the shuttle from Dewey lot to rest of campus
  - will be addressed in the next Student Life survey
  - graduate students did not get email unlike other groups on college
  - we should send a letter, asking for an explanation as to why this is done. Maybe the employment drop might be a reason.
  - Such news should be posted on the website.
  - Marcella and Kerry will look into this issue
- If you need to add an event to the Orientation schedule, let Kerry know
- Career workshops, employment fair(Sept 28,29), Tuck will open up their sessions for us (Sept 27th), If you are searching for jobs, get your resume ready
FINANCIAL REPORT (Leah Rommereim)
- Finance Snapshot
- Change with fiscal year, so it’s not complete.

ACTIVITIES REPORT (Katie Kinnaird & Ali Titiz)
- Review of the World Cup Party
  o Huge success, around 120 people in the room and more outside the room.
  o Lots of international students.
- Update about the upcoming Pig Roast
  o Tell your friends about it, reps should send mail to their departments
  o Was announced at the TDI orientation

STUDENT LIFE REPORT (Tanvi Chug)
- When should the Student Life Survey be sent out?
  o Survey is ready, will be sent out after September. Either next year March or this year Nov-Dec.
  o Please email the GSC with suggestions.
  o Draft will be emailed out to the reps
- Orientation guide
  o Last year’s orientation guide is on the website.
- Facebook page for incoming students

NEW BUSINESS

Questions

Ads on Gazetteer – probably will try for discounts later
How do we get information out?
- Forums on the website
- To reduce GSC mails, the reps can send out mails to their department
If you know that a rep in your department graduated, please let the GSC know