Meeting Minutes: Wed, Dec 2nd, 2009 @ 5:30 PM, 1930’s Room in Rockefeller Center
(Attendance: Exec Board = 10, Dept Reps = 19, Non-Voting Reps = 2, Guests = 1)

WELCOME (Tina C.): guests please check in with Li C.
- Nov 3rd, 2009 minutes approved (yay : nay : abstention = 28 : 0 : 1)
- Reps with questions regarding the role and function of GSC, please e-mail Tina or GSC.
- Food survey: 2 meat, 2 cheese, 2 veggie pizzas for meetings.

ACTION ITEMS
- Aarathi Prasad is our HOP rep. Casey is our Computing rep.
- Infraction clause was passed with the following amendment:
  Item 8 of “Dealing with infractions” should be changed to “the student group will be responsible
  on a case-to-case situation for the overdrawn amount” instead of charging
  the overdrawn amount “to the D-Pay account of the student whose name the funding
  request was submitted”. (yay : nay : abstention = 21 : 5 : 3)
  Note that the main purpose of the infraction clause is to not only take care of
  overspending issues but also hold groups responsible for not following through their
  promises.
- GSC recognition of student groups: As many questions were raised, this item was taken
  off the action item. This will instead be brought up under VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT as
  a Q & A session.
- Dartmouth GSC is becoming a member of NAGPS (yay : nay : abstention = 14 : 3 : 2)
  → What are some of the benefits of joining? Lobbying on the national level for student
  visa reform, student tax exemptions and open access to research; 10% discount from
  all books from betterbooks.com; 8% discount with Geico; dental / vision insurance (in
  working process); access to national surveys done in US and Canada.
  → Membership dues: Currently $500. As we are joining in the middle of the year, we
  would only have to pay $250 this year. This $250 will be coming out of the Ivy 8
  Summit budget. NAGPS is working to reduce the cost to $300 next year and
  hopefully reduce the cost even further in the future.

UPDATES & REVIEWS

LANDERS REPORT (Kerry L.)
- Sandy’s Position is on hold.

PRESIDENT REPORT (Tina C.)
- President Kim enjoyed the breakfast event with first year grads and would like to hold a
  similar event with grads every term.
- Partners Board has been formed. There is now a non-voting spouse/partner rep seat on
  the GSC. The board’s main function is to setup a network for partners. At their first
  meeting, they discussed issues such as: getting discounts on campus, eligibility to take
  part in events (ex IM sports). If you’re interested or know anyone who may be interested
  in joining this group, please contact Tina or Emily for more information.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT (James H. & Lola T.)
- Grad student dash for printing has been reduced from $40 to $25.
However, since not every department provides dash for printing or utilize dash, the issue was dropped.
- DSG created a survey for Sachem residents asking about what improvements can be made for transportation. Currently, Sachem residents have to walk half a mile to reach the nearest bus stop. For those living in Sachem, be on a look out for the survey!
- GSC recognized student organization:
  → There will be three lists on the GSC website: GSC recognized groups, ad hoc groups and undergrad / Thayer / Tuck group that have grad participants.
  → The benefits of being a GSC recognized student organization:
    a. To be listed as Dartmouth.
    b. The right to use facilities, such as IM fields.
    c. Reduction of costs to rent certain rooms.
  → Amendments to be made:
    a. Under “Benefits of Recognition”, need to delete item 4: GSC will be listing other non-recognized groups as well, so advertisement on the GSC website is no longer an added benefit.
    b. Under “Prerequisites for Recognition”, need to change item m: this is the same with the infraction clause where the student group instead of the individual will be held responsible for overspending on a case-to-case situation.
  → Questions:
    a. If people overspend the funding block, what happens?
       This issue has been addressed in the infraction clause.
    b. Do groups need to draft a whole constitution or can they just submit a statement of purpose? There seems to be a lot of requirements: voting, reaching quorum, etc. that may discourage people from applying.
  → Any other questions or suggestions? Please e-mail Lola.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Nimit D.)
- Financial Review for Nov ’09:
  Note that it is crucial that GSC creates a $7000 buffer for summer and early fall events (ex. pig roast party, first year party) as money for the incoming year does not roll in until fall term begins.

ACTIVITIES REPORT (Katie K. & Jeremy H.)
- One Wheelock event was a huge success. We have decided to do another one in January. Note that One Wheelock is open 24 hrs with free coffee and wireless. So, everyone should check it out!
- Holiday Party is next Tuesday, Dec 8 from 5:30 to 8 pm.
- Food Drive: Hopefully everyone has boxes for your department. Jeremy will obtain and e-mail the list of food donation New Haven would like to everyone. Do not forget: the best decorated donation box will be awarded with gift certificates to Dirt Cowboy!
- Call for Activity Committee Members for people who would like to help with the Semi Formal (last weekend in April): come help decide the theme, how it is decorated, what food to serve and what music to play. This is a BIG EVENT. We will need all the help we can get!!!
- Brewfest: coming in mid April. Competitions of who brews the best beers. Want to announce it early so people will have enough time to brew beer. Keep up with e-mail because there’s going to a brewer’s night to help new brewers get acquainted with more experienced brewers.

GSAC REPORT (Thomas Kilgore)
- Book club meeting was a success. Book club now has a new name: The Graduate Student Literati.
- Received letter from President Kim introducing himself to the graduate student population and stating the value of graduate student bodies. This letter will be published
in the graduate forum next year in spring. One rep (Judith R.) requested that a list of
graduate departments be sent to President Kim so he would know what grad programs
are available at Dartmouth. Thomas requested that Judith brainstorm any other ideas
she may have on how to increase exposure of programs to President Kim.

NORTH PARK REPORT (Michael H.)
- Clarification on budget:
  North Park should have more left over than stated on the budget as external funding
  (such as money from DMS, alumni association and funding request) was obtained to
  help cover the cost for the tailgate party.
- Clarification for Tailgate Party: Contrary from what was said at the last meeting, the
tailgate party was actually a success, with no food leftover.

STUDENT LIFE REPORT (Casey M.) - Absent
- No items.

ACADEMICS REPORT (Lilian K.)
- Plan to hold an academic committee meeting in January but have not much going on at
  the moment.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
- Upcoming V (Vagina)-Day campaign
  Audition for monologues will begin in the middle of January. Please e-mail Katie
  if you are interested to be in the cast or behind the scenes, or interested in
  helping with grad v-day.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:50 pm.