Graduate Student Council

Meeting Agenda: Tues, Dec 7th, 2010 @ 5:30 PM, Rockefeller Class of 1930s room

**PRESIDENT’S WELCOME** (Marcella Lucas): guests please check in with Katie

- Reaccreditation Open Forum
  - 14th of November. Open forum for students. Attended by Tina, Katie & Li. Main topics of discussion:
    - dental and vision insurance
    - raising awareness of existence of grad students
    - grad student space
- Jane Seibel, the new Director for Recruiting and Diversity
  - Not from Dartmouth. Learning about the institution and the responsibilities. Open for discussions and feedback
- January Council meeting
  - Second week of Jan.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**UPDATES & REVIEWS**

**LANDERS REPORT** (Kerry Landers)
- To revive Women in Science (G-WISE) for women in physics, art sciences and engineering.
- Jane upping social media using Twitter and Facebook (like us).
- Walking path from Sachem to DHMC.

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT** (Li Chang)
- Conference Grant Application (Amanda Balboni)
  - Nov 15th was conference grant deadline. $500 for each grant; one in fall and one in spring. Had 4 applicants this time – 1 from TDI, 2 from Physch, 1 from Ecology – Simone from Ecology has been selected to receive the grant to go to conference in San Francisco.
- Graduate Relief Team - Students Fighting Hunger (SFH)
  - Event was on Friday after Thanksgiving. Cooked a Thanksgiving dinner for the community, along with undergraduates.
  - GRT gives an opportunity for students who are interested in giving back to community and mingle with other graduate schools as well.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** (Leah Rommereim)
- Finance Snapshot

**ACTIVITIES REPORT** (Katie Kinnaird & Ali Titiz)
- Holiday Party/Food Drive
  - Was a success. Donated 1324 cans in total to the Haven. Physiology dept collected most number of items per student in dept, which was 40 per person. Other notable contributions from Math, Micro and Biochem. Prettiest box
contest- Third place was Chem with a glow in the dark box, Bio-Eco won second place with a foodnest. First place went to Biochem with a gingerbread house. Thank you reps for volunteering to help out.

- Semi-formal
  - Do we/not invite medical students? In the past, we have set up an exchange with DMS. We throw BEMA together. Grad students invited for Halloween and we invite them for semi-formal. We were not invited for Halloween. Do we want to invite them anyways? Or maybe invite another group like Tuck? We haven’t approached anyone, we want to know what reps want. If we throw Semi-formal alone, we will have twice the amount of money. Options to have more food, more drinks, band or new venue.
  - If we invite them, do they help organize with financial contribution? DMS has separate fee. We have $50 for student activities. We support grad activities for our students with that money. If we don’t invite DMS, DMS students can be guests of grad students, but only one guest per grad student.
  - Having DMS students is good. DMS dint intend for not inviting us for Halloween - We got quite a bit of opinionated views. We took heat for something wasn’t our doing.
  - Haven’t discussed with DMS about them paying for semi-formal. Could also approach VLS and other schools for this year or we can have a smaller classier party with just grad students.
  - Should DMS contribute for semi-formal? Grad students like hanging out with med students, but DMS should contribute financially if they should be at the party.
  - Their budget tighter than ours, so contributing financially might be difficult for them to DMS.
  - Could we invite VLS and split it all three ways. Can’t have more than two groups. Another option we could do is pre-sell tickets.
  - Events with DMS vary from year to year. Due to security issues, we divided the events. BEMA together was awesome. Years ago, DMS made a mess at event in Alumni hall and hence it’s not available for them anymore. GSC has a good reputation on campus.
  - Will contact DMS to talk about the semi formal.
  - We can send survey to students.
  - We can’t sell tickets to just graduate students, since we had Thayer BE students.
  - If we don’t invite DMS, we can use lesser amount and instead have a spring fling.
  - With med students, the total number inside Alumni Hall might run over sometimes. It might happen that their grad students are getting in, and we can’t party.
  - Majority interested in having DMS.
  - Can we have two spaces together to accommodate more students – SNS doesn’t have enough officers to cover both spaces and it will be difficult for them to shuttle between venues.

NORTH PARK REPORT (Michael Hopkins)
- North Park Holiday Party Wednesday, Dec 8th

GSAC Report (Wesley Whitaker)
- Activities
  - Soup circle
  - Vegetarian cooking class.
- Department Newsletters
Currently in the process of editing the newsletters.
- Housing listing
  o For the college.
  o Contact Wes if you have concerns.
- Sushi class
  o TDI student who worked as a sushi chef. Likely to be hosted on campus with a larger audience and each student can have a hands-on experience.

Computing Report (Jeremy Huckins & Tuobin Wang)
- Blackboard
  o How long do grad students look at course stuff?
  o Lots of courses since 1999 and hence database is huge
- Email: Microsoft Online Services (Office 365)
  o Beta-tester or recommendations – email Jeremy or GSC.
  o Blitz is going away. Option to use Microsoft online services. Have access to Microsoft office and email documents to people. Nicknames might go away. So provide your entire name on your card, to distribute at conferences
  o Can rss feeds replace bulletins? Focus group to be conducted next month.
  o During Blackboard training sessions, it’s mentioned that all course material will be there forever. How long do you want it up there?

Council on Libraries Report (Margaret C. Carpenter)
- Growth and preservation of information
- Future Projects
  o Common areas for group studies.
  o Tour of areas like the book arts workshop, making Christmas cards and books.
  o Bringing together DCAL and tech services for help on planning courses and lectures. Geared towards faculties- could be used by grad students in the future.

HOP SAC Report (Amitavo Mitra)
- Hop space
  o Top of the hop as a study area.
- Renovations
  o Student prices.

Alumni council meeting
  Interested in concerns with regard to alumni.

Northern Stage
  DMS rep organizes and is affiliated with Northern Stage. Has sent a email about young professional night. Opportunity to meet people outside Dartmouth. Blurb will be put in gazetteer.

V-Day Announcement (Katie Kinnaird)
  Will need all sorts of help, 5+ grad students as cast last year, distribute lollipops. Come for auditions on jan 9th and 10th, if you want to be on crew, direct etc. Men and women can get involved. blitzes going around. Monologues beginning of march, end of feb. V-Week 21st – 28th of feb.

ACTION ITEMS
- November meeting minutes approval Yay(26)
- Volunteering opportunities for reps (sober monitors, gazetteer editors, webmasters)
- Reps should volunteer for minimum two events. If you become a sober monitors, either don’t get paid and volunteer or paid and not volunteer.
- Responsibilities of a sober monitor as per Dartmouth rules. To help out activity chairs to manage the event. Stay for entire event and be sober the whole time. Collect sober monitor points and get large gift certificate in the end.
- Do you have a hard time finding sober monitors – Bulk of it is non-reps. We sent to the rep list only when the other list doesn’t work.
- Gazetteer editors and webmasters – come to an agreement. Counts as 2 volunteer events.
- Gazetteer – should the position stay for an entire year? Hoping they will stay on until May. Having people month by month basis will be good, but might need to be trained. Easier if people do it on a more long term basis.
- Sober monitor – person gets to choose gift certificate or volunteer slot.
  - Yay(13), Nay(8), Neutral (3)
- Gazetteer – until May. Yay(27)
- GSC recognition: Dartmouth Argentine Tango Society (DATS)
  - Work with undergraduate club to introduce more people to tango.
  - Yay(27)

NEW BUSINESS