Meeting Minutes: Tues, Feb 2nd, 2010 @ 5:30 PM, 1930’s Room in Rockefeller Center
(Attendance: Exec Board = 10, Dept Reps = 22, Non-Voting Reps = 2, Guests = 3)

WELCOME (Tina C.): guests please check in with Li C.
- Jan 5th, 2010 minutes approved (yay : nay : abstention = 32: 0: 0)

OPEN FORUM
- What is the status of the Dental Insurance?
  GSC cannot propose anything. GSC can only discuss the issue with the school. We have talked with the president and provost, presenting them facts and data (including comparison with the other Ivies) that strongly suggest grad students need but cannot afford dental insurance. Currently, dental insurance is hard to obtain because Dartmouth insures its own student and is geographically in the middle of nowhere. However, we might have good news, as discussed under “PRESIDENT REPORT”.
- Suggestion to include the opportunity to speak of previous issues at the beginning of the meeting, as most people who need to leave early may not be around for “GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS”.

ACTION ITEMS
- GSC-Recognized Group Requests:
  ■ Green Orpheus approved (yay : nay : abstention = 32 : 0 : 0)
    Reading group focused on philosophy and music. The digital music department already has such a group, but would like to extend the invitation to grads outside the department, thus increasing interactions between digital music department and the rest of the school. The GSC will help advertise and get the word out.
  ■ Dartmoose approved (yay : nay : abstention = 29 : 0 : 3)
    Want to be recognized to obtain block funding so that it is possible to get ongoing ice time. Ice skates may not be available to rent during late hours, but perhaps other people in the group may have extras for you to use.
- Revised budget approved (yay : nay : abstention =31 : 1 : 0)
  Revision to the budget was done by the finance chair, in collaboration with the activities chairs. GSC budget changes because the projected amount may not reflect the actual amount of money that is received in October. Someone suggested that it would help to label the last column on the finance sheet.
- Proposal to amend infraction clause to prevent misuse of GSC account chart string,
  The purpose is to prevent misuse of the GSC chart string by penalizing those who do. We can reject the use of GSC chart string when Collis notifies us via e-mail, but sometimes this slips by. This is a preventive measure in case Collis does not notify us. It is important to note that although it takes $150 to book the room, there are additional equipment costs. The chart string is used as a way to guarantee there is someone to charge (as similar to holding a credit card). As the misuse of GSC chart string is not limited to funding request, it was suggested that the proposed infraction clause should be an independent one as oppose to falling under infraction clause for funding request. This was an item for discussion and thus was not voted on.
UPDATES & REVIEWS

LANDERS REPORT (Kerry L.)
- Board of Trustees is meeting this week.
- E-mail sent out concerning workshops for grads. Please sign up!
  - Science Grant Proposal Workshop hosted by Dean Brian Pogue
  - Lunch with Montgomery Fellow, Terry Tempest Williams

PRESIDENT REPORT (Tina C.)
- Reminder to respect all religious groups during meetings.
- Graduation Ceremony
  Have submitted a request to Gary and Ruth that graduation ceremony would be equal for both grads and undergrads.
- Meeting w/Provost
  - Potential Bike path from Sachem to DHMC.
  - Dental Insurance:
    - Might consider a “Dartmouth dental bus” that takes students down to Boston to receive dental care at Harvard Dental School, where the price is cheaper.
    - Might consider opening a Dartmouth dental clinic for students.
    - Tina and the Tuck Rep (Steve) have put together the data and a powerpoint presentation to present to the Board of Trustees on grad students’ need for dental insurance. If you would like to obtain the powerpoint presentation, please e-mail Tina.
- Haiti Relief
  - Undergrads are doing an amazing job and the Haiti Relief Party was a great thing! Katie and Jeremy are working on a charity poker tournament, discussed more under “ACTIVITIES REPORT”.
  - TDI submitted a $500 funding request for a T-shirt fundraiser. The proceeds would be given to PIH. Following are the issues concerning this funding request:
    - Why not just donate the $500 to PIH? The concern was that the T-shirt may not sell out. Direct donation would insure the full $500 to be donated. However, it was voiced that we should not be donating on behalf of the whole student body. Donation should (if not already) be done on an individual basis.
    - Why not throw a $500 party that would bring in more than $500 to donate? This would make more sense as the funding request money comes from student-based activity. However, we are a bit late in coming up with such an idea as the DMS and Tuck just threw a Haiti Relief Party. Someone suggested that we could combine the party with the upcoming Winter Carnival.
    - Keep in mind: the short-term relief may be over, but we can think about a long-term relief / effort (which is another focus for President Kim).
- GSC Exec Board Election: May 4th, 2010
  - President: Runs the meeting. Does lots of communications with administrative offices and other student groups. Attends lots of meetings. A position that allows you to really make something happen.
  - Vice-President: Helps the president. Takes over meeting when president is not present. Communicates frequently with president. Takes up smaller projects that s/he is passionate about and get into them (ex. GSC-approved student organizations, AT stop at Sachem). Communicates with people outside and inside of Dartmouth. Advocates on behalf of grad students.
  - Finance: Manages the finances. In charge of monthly finance activity. Makes sure there is enough money to be spent for certain activity.
Activities: Certain events must be held every year, but you can come up with other creative events. If you like the events so far, it is definitely worth seeing it from both sides.

Student Life Chair: Gets to listen to how unhappy grad students are. Makes sure all aspects of student health and general well-being are attended to. Organizes student survey. Facilitates orientation for first year students (OGRES). There is a bit overlap with activities and academics.

Academics: working hard on getting career fair. Currently speaking to Tuck and MIT.

Kerry mentioned that being on the exec board is a great opportunity to build skills for jobs in industry, such as working in a team.

Someone asked if it would be better if the entire grad population could vote as oppose to just departmental reps. A potential issue would be that smaller departments would be at a disadvantage. It should be noted that the number of reps each department gets is in proportion to the size of the population. It was then suggested that perhaps the rep could ask their own department what they wanted. Tina will look into the constitution to see what can be done.

DMS search for new DEAN:
There is a meeting on Feb 22 at 8 pm in Kellog Auditorium. If you have any inputs, please come and voice your opinion.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT (James H. & Lola T.)
- Advance Transit stop for Sachem (Lola T.):
  Received 199 responses. 70% do not or rarely use AT. 70% would use AT more frequently if there was a stop at Sachem. Have already talked with the provost and is now ready to talk to AT. Will have more details next meeting.
- Zimride (James H.):
  Ride sharing program for distant commuting (ex. NY or Boston) as well as daily commuting. Still waiting for response to questions concerning costs. Do not have the details yet, but may be an alternative to AT. Note that there is already a discount parking in place for those who car pool. You just need to register.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Nimit D.)
- Review of financial activity for Jan 2010
- Approved funding requests:
  - Grad Movie Night

ACTIVITIES REPORT (Katie K. & Jeremy H.)
- Charity Poker Tournament for Haiti: Feb 7 from 1-4pm at the Top of the Hop. All proceeds go to PIH. DMS and Tuck are invited, so it’s a great time to meet other people from different schools. Plus, the Super Bowl doesn't start until after 4pm. So, come join us! If you have poker chips and/or cards to donate, let Katie / Jeremy know.
  The theme is Masquerade / Carnival. There will be three mask-making workshops prior to the event for those wanting to make their own masks. Med students are invited. Each person gets up to one guest. Everyone will have two drinking tickets. If you bring at least TWO non-perishable items, you will receive up to one specialty drink ticket. These items will go to help the Haven. Someone suggested that women sanitary products are also in need and thus asked if those could be included as donated items as well. Katie will look into this. There will be prizes for best group ensembles, best dressed and best masks. So start planning and get excited!

GSAC REPORT (Thomas Kilgore)
- Movie Night on Jan 22 was a great success.
- Second Graduate Student Literati book club meeting on Jan 25. Twelve attended. The book club seems to be doing well and may become a stable thing. If you are interested in joining the club, please e-mail Thomas. Note that anyone can join, but due to the budget, there are limited books available. You may be asked to provide your own book. Someone suggested that it would help to upload information concerning the book club on GSC website.

- Ice Skating session at Occum Pond.
  First ten to reply will receive free admission. Do not have an official date but is currently considering Feb. 13th. Someone noted that Occum Pond may not be available on that day due to Winter Carnival.

**NORTH PARK REPORT** (Michael H.) – No items.

**STUDENT LIFE REPORT** (Casey M.) – No items.

**ACADEMICS REPORT** (Lilian K.)
- Facebook page has been setup for academics, titled “Dartmouth GSC Academic Committee”. Includes related resources as well as contents from e-mails Kerry sends.
- Currently working on getting accepted to the career fair at MIT.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- V-Day (Katie K.):
  - Monologues: March 3 and 4 at the Hop
  - V-grams: more flavors – two kinds of chocolates and at least three fruity flavors
- Seeding Lab at Dartmouth (Marcella L.)
  Has been in contact with the Harvard group to understand what it takes. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail GSC or Marcella.

**Meeting adjourned @ 6:40 pm.**