General Meeting Minutes: Tues, December 6th, 2011
@ 5:30 PM

UPDATES AND REVIEWS

PRESIDENT REPORT (Wesley Whitaker)
- Motion to start the meeting: unanimously approved

Happy Holidays!

Food Drive/Holiday Party
- All reps bring donations to the DOC house before the party (Setup: 4:30-5:30 pm)
- Prizes for most cans and best decorated box

Trivia Contest
- Facebook contest between the depts
- MCB first years winning

Ivy Summit Recap
- Wesley: Break out sessions on working with administrators. Graduate student seat on the board of trustees at cornell
- Aarathi:
  - State of the nine is when all presidents of the attending schools discuss what they have done in the past year. Brown talked about dual masters degrees for students. Princeton discussed having post-qual celebrations, hold events as pubnights. They also discussed a web-portal where students can ask questions to the GSC. Yale has an html based news letter- we are trying to mimic the gazetteer off this idea.
  - Grad education sessions. Provide regular opportunities to students to present their research to colleagues.
  - Gazetteer will now have question of the weeks to get more input from students.
- Marie:
  - Diversity. Other schools have a committee to focus on certain issues. We have GWISE, could use this group to highlight women’s issue. The GSC is a way to advocate for issues the student body has, by setting up task forces focused on each issue. Can then go to the administration.
  - Grad student space. Push for this space with administration. Issue Dartmouth has had for 10-15 years now. We should
establish a task force for student space and have the GSC advocate for it.

New Email
- The GSC account migrated last week
- Do not have the ability to mass email the student body.
- Gazetteer is our main way of communication

New GSC Gazetteer
- Html based. Should appear nicely with pictures and polls

January Meeting
Vote: Move to January 10th. **Approved.**

Graduate News Forum Update
- Featuring awards depts have won
- Feature research going on in the depts.
- Contact Tennile Sunday to publish news stories representing your dept
- Subscribed feature—comes out 1-2 a term

Winter Term—Facebook Contests!
- Slogan for A&S graduate school (Thayer has “the box doesn’t exist”)
- $50 gift card to canoe club
- vote on by grad studies office

Strategic Planning Update
- Plans for the future of Dartmouth at the graduate level
- Chaired by Dean Pogue
- Open discussion where students can voice their concerns
- Three consultants came in: T Dean of Duke, Brown and MITs graduate schools. Generated a document coming up with a plan on how to improve graduate education at Dartmouth.

Alumni Council on Student Affairs
• Alumni at Dartmouth come to Dartmouth and discuss issues
• Graduate Alum are on the council
• Dental and Vision insurance discussed for graduate students

Block Funding Review Committee
• Review what block funding recipients have done with their funding
• Determine next step in terms of funding

LANDERS REPORT (Kerry Landers)

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Aarathi Prasad)
Website Committee to revamp and maintain the GSC website so it is more aesthetically pleasing and up to date
• Aarathi will chair this committee. Web design skills.
• Distinct from the grad news forum and grad studies office website.

ACTIVITIES REPORT (Ana Draghici and Jeremy Fitzpatrick)
Need Volunteers for Holiday party
• Send around sign up sheets.
• Party is Thursday Dec 8th, 5:30-8:30 pm

STUDENT LIFE REPORT (Marie Onakomaiya)
GSC Travel Grant Awards
• $500 was allotted for this term. Recipients selected by a review committee:
  o Katie Duryea $250
  o Sergey Fogelson $150
  o Gillian Moritz $100
• Selection based on quality of application, how much funding they needed, if they had other sources of funding, etc
• These were the only three students that applied
• Need a way to raise interest for travel awards
• Send out email about travel awards—gets lost in the gazetteer. Need to publicize more. There is another deadline coming up in March.
• Indvl dept reps can send on information so people are not getting bombarded with emails from the GSC.

North Park REPORT (Regina Salvat)
Volunteers for NP amazing race
• Scavenger hunt around campus
• Have to do an activity at each station
• Looking for volunteers to help out
• Will be held sometime in the spring. Probably late May early June
• Ex: egg toss, hula hoop activity, riddles, etc.

Action Items
November meeting minutes
  • Unanimously approved.
Photograph
  • GSC picture for graduate news form