Graduate Student Council  
General Meeting Minutes: Tues, January 10th, 2012  
@ 5:30 PM  

UPDATES AND REVIEWS
Motion to start the meeting and approve the agenda: *unanimously approved*

PRESIDENT REPORT (Wesley Whitaker)
Welcome
Review: Holiday Party & Food Drive
  • Food drive was very successful
    o High turnout for departmental representation
    o 989 units of food was collected
    o Math dept collected the most cans with 267 cans
    o PBS won best decorated box: The Grinch
  • The party was well attended

Finance Committee: Review of Block Funding
  • GSC recognized student groups apply for block funding in late August. When the budget is approved by the council in September block funding was awarded to GSC recognized groups.
  • We are sending out a mid-year review to groups that have received funding so they can give us a snapshot on how the money is being used. This way we have a way of quantifying how the money is spent so we can plan how to award funding in the future. General ideas on how many people attended the event. Will get an idea if each of their events met their expectations and how they could be improved
  • Forms will be distributed to GSC recognized groups on Jan 16th and they will be due back to the finance committee on Jan 30th. All GSC reps are welcome to join the finance committee.

Winter Carnival: Graduate Student Involvement
  • February 9-12
  • Want to involve grad students in this process
  • Pub night on Feb 8th at Molly’s to start off winter carnival
Grad Studies Slogan Contest
- Will be a facebook contest
- 3 finalists will be selected. Opened up to community judging

LANDERS REPORT (Kerry Landers)
- Externship program started this Winter: Over 80 alumni who wanted to host grad students. 35 grad students have taken part in these externships (spend a day at work with a Dartmouth alum). Alumni had jobs in academia, industry, government, etc.
- Science proposal writing workshop (posted on blackboard)
- Finding funding workshop (posted on blackboard)
- Mentorship workshop (posted on blackboard)
- Two alums thinking of coming back to present workshops on “presenting your research”
- Workshop called “Roadblocks to writing your thesis.” Therapist from Dick’s house will lead this workshop and give advice on how to manage stress and anxiety when writing your thesis.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Aarathi Prasad)
- Web Committee Meeting: Plans for the future
  - Want to maintain the current website and update it regularly
  - We will have another group working on creating a new html-based site
  - We will plan on meeting twice/month
  - Everyone is welcome to be part of the committee, email GSC if interested.

ACTIVITIES REPORT (Jeremy Fitzpatrick)
- Sign ups for Winter semiformal
  - Tentative date: February 17th
  - Hosting with DMS

NORTH PARK REPORT (Regina Salvat)
- Breakfast for 1st years to meet grad studies deans tomorrow
• North Park Amazing Race update
  o Looking for volunteers
• North Park Movie nights
  o For winter term
  o At the HOP

GRAD STUDENT OUTREACH EVENT
• Want to hold an outreach event for grad students to communicate their research to the community at large. Will be open to the entire UV community. Want this to be led by grad students. Sign up sheet circulated to help plan the event

ACTION ITEMS
December meeting minutes: Unanimously approved
DGSCC funding request: $1000
• Second annual Case Competition in March
• Undergraduate and graduate (A&S and Thayer) student participation
• $2000 grad prize, $1000 2nd place prize, $750 third place prize
• Total budget is $7000
  o $1000 from GSC
  o $1000 from Thayer
  o $1000 from undergraduate student council
  o Rest of the money will be from corporate sponsors (Oliver Wyman and Axia Corporation)
  o Budget presented
  o 2 events planned before the case competition:
    ▪ Mixer to find a team,
    ▪ Workshop on how to “crack cases”
  o Majority in favor of funding request
    ▪ All in favor for $1000: 15 votes Approved
    ▪ All in favor for $500: 7 votes