I. Happy New Year Dartmouth Grads!
- Craig distributed a word puzzle designed to kick-start members’ brains and their competitive instincts. The winner of the puzzle was Mike Brown-Hayes, and he won the coveted “Bag of Crap” (aka- random, but desirable leftovers from the Graduate Studies Office)!

II. From the Finance Chair
- Erik shared an update about the general finances of the GSC. After fall term expenditures, we are projected to have $22K remaining in the overall budget.
- Three requests for event funding were submitted to the GSC for upcoming events: $600 for a Dimensions of Diversity Workshop to be co-facilitated by Craig and Sandy Spiegel on February 5; $830 for the Graduate Studies Town Meeting on January 20; and, $350 for a women’s luncheon, a follow-up to last term’s Ladies’ Night, to be facilitated by Kerry Landers on February 16. After discussion of each, voting members in attendance unanimously supported all requests.

III. Tsunami Relief Effort
- Many student organizations within the Dartmouth community are planning and implementing events to raise funds for tsunami relief. Vernita opened up a discussion regarding the role of grads in these efforts.
- Rukman explained the role of the college in fund-raising efforts and Craig distributed a list of college-approved guidelines.
- After discussion, the group unanimously supported planning and implementing its own, separate event to raise funds for tsunami relief. A subcommittee designed to plan that event will be comprised of Rukman, Lee Ann, Scout and Anna.

IV. Event Updates
- Both December events, Ladies’ Night and the Holiday Reception, were resounding successes!
- Three events are upcoming, so mark your calendars: (1) Graduate Studies Town Meeting, Thursday, January 20, 5-6:30pm, Collis Center Common Ground, (2) Winter Semi-Formal, Friday, February 25, 9pm-12am, Alumni Hall, Hopkins Center, (3) White House Party, Friday, March 11, time TBD, Tom’s and Ivy’s House.

V. North Park Updates
- Cary discussed last term’s success of renting ice time for grads and asked for member support for a minimum of five additional ice times for grads this term. Her request was unanimously supported.
- She will be working with Craig this week to design an internal page for North Park on the Graduate Studies web page.

VI. Miscellany
- Bill Haslett has resigned as Social Committee Co-Chair. Scout will now go it alone. Thanks to Bill for doing such a great job!
- Final enrollment numbers for each department will be available this week. Once those numbers are final, Craig will be able to update each department about its constitutionally approved number of voting reps for winter term.
- Craig asked reps to please inform the first year students in their respective departments that their free Graduate Studies t-shirts are available for pick-up. They should be picked up in the Graduate Studies office (304 Wentworth) between 8-11:30am Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Sandy asked reps to remember to actively check blitz bulletins. She mentioned some of the upcoming events in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as an example of all that’s out there in which students can take part.
- Quiz Nights have become so popular that organizers have to turn some interested students away because of space limitations at 5 Olde. Vernita opened a discussion regarding possible alternative locations. Reps were asked to consider the question and return to February’s meeting with ideas, should the problem continue at this week’s Quiz Night.

VII. Open Agenda
- Rukman let members know that the Graduate Student Alumni Association will be meeting again this Friday.
- Kerry informed members of the loss of planned graduate student space in the new building to be constructed. Charlie Barlowe, Dean of Graduate Studies, has an upcoming meeting with the Provost to discuss alternatives to the current plan.
- The next meeting will take place Monday, February 14 at 6pm in Moore 202.