Meeting Minutes: Tues, Jan 5th, 2010 @ 5:30 PM, 1930’s Room in Rockefeller Center  
(Attendance: Exec Board = 8, Dept Reps = 24, Non-Voting Reps = 2 )

WELCOME (Tina C.): guests please check in with Li C.  
- Dec 2nd, 2009 minutes approved (yay : nay : abstention = 32 : 0 : 0)

ACTION ITEMS  
- GSC-Approved Student Groups approved (yay : nay : abstention = 32 : 0 : 0) with the following changes: under “Responsibilities of Recognized Organizations”, item 2 should read “….organization’s by-laws…” instead of “…organization’s constitution and by-laws…” Also, it was suggested that it would help immensely if editing changes are shown on revised documents. The final version of the document will be sent out to everyone via e-mail.

UPDATES & REVIEWS

LANDERS REPORT (Kerry L.)  
- Thanks for the academic survey response. The information obtained will be shared.  
- Winter term workshops have been posted. Please sign up if interested.  
- Poster session will be April 5th, 2010 at the Top of the Hop.

PRESIDENT REPORT (Tina C.)  
- Infraction Claus: item 8 has been edited. Email Tina if you have any more comments.  
- Updates on Dental/Vision Insurance:  
  D/V will not happen within the next two or three years.  
  Difficulties obtaining D/V insurance due to three issues:  
  1) Dartmouth insures own students, so other companies will not offer best deals.  
  2) Delta Dental is the major outside dental insurance, so there is no competition.  
  3) Local dentists have more demands than what they can supply, so there is no incentive for them to lower their prices.  
  We will meet with Dick’s House to talk about this more. We are currently looking at discounts at the dentist office, probably subsidized by the school. In the future, we might just have a stay in dentist at Dick’s House for daily cleaning and other simple routine work.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT (James H. & Lola T.)  
- Transportation survey for Sachem residents have been sent out. Please spread the word and encourage Sachem residents to fill out the survey!

FINANCIAL REPORT (Nimit D.) - Absent  
- Finance Review December 2009:  
  Two issues need to be addressed:  
  1) Why are we BUDGETED to be over $261.07?  
     Note: We have been losing money because students have been dropping out of the student activity fee and getting their money back.  
  2) There is a “n/a” under “other items”. There should still be an allotted amount for “other items” based on past spending.  
  Tina will talk to Nimit about these issues and see what can be done.
ACTIVITIES REPORT (Katie K. & Jeremy H.)
- Holiday Party: Lots of people came and had fun.
- Food Drive: HUGE SUCCESS. Two cartloads of food. The people were extremely happy with the donation. PBS was the winning department. Chemistry won the best decorated box. An e-mail will be sent out to the reps detailing how well each department performed.
- Semiformal planning is tomorrow at Kemeny 244 at 6pm. If you are interested in planning the theme, music choice, decoration and catering, please join us!

GSAC REPORT (Thomas Kilgore)
- Currently planning another group event and will blitz/e-mail the information.

NORTH PARK REPORT (Michael H.)

STUDENT LIFE REPORT (Casey M.)
- Academics, Life & Activities Survey...Graduate Students (ALAS...Graduate Students)
  Currently setting up student life survey for this year. If you have any inputs or thoughts what should go on the survey, please e-mail Casey. The survey will be modified much from last year. There were lots of complaints about the format last year.
  Note: Purpose of the survey is to gather info about areas grad students want improvement in their life. Last year, a fourth of the grad student population filled out the survey. This may be accredited to the incentive that three people will be randomly selected for gift certificates. This incentive will continue this year as well.

ACADEMICS REPORT (Lilian K.)
- The academic committee meeting will be on Jan 11 at 6pm. Still deciding on the location. If interested, e-mail Lilian.

GSC PARTNERS REPORT (Emily O.)
- Will hold a meeting in January to see what GSC partners want to lobby for.
  This meeting will not be held with Tuck/Thayer because they are already quite established. It is to focus on issues of GSC partners.
- Will work on understanding how “partner” is defined in this area, as it is important when asking for benefits. Craig has done some research about grad students partners in other Ivy League schools. We will be able to talk more about this when he is present.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
- GSC website has been frozen and cannot be updated.
  This is because Dartmouth computing service has decided to switch to secure network (secure FTP service). As our website is a wiki, it has been deemed “unsave”. We need to switch over to a new system. If you can help with this, e-mail us!
- Free fax service is no longer offered at Collis. Someone requested that we should push to reinstat this. Please e-mail us if you have any interest in this or suggestions. If there is little interest, this issue will be dropped.
- Seeding Labs (Jeanine Amacher, Biochemistry rep)
  Collect unneeded equips to send to third world countries. If interested, email Jeanine.
  For more information, check out these websites:
  From the Boston Globe: 11/23/09
  Website:
  http://www.seedinglabs.org/
  Harvard group:
  http://hcslo.com/

Meeting adjourned @ 6:08 pm