Graduate Student Council MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES
March 5, 2007
5:30 pm, Moore Hall, Room 202

ATTENDENCE

Present:
Voting: Deanne Battle, Cary Boyd, Colleen Fox, Allison Henrich, Erol Kohli, Matt Mahoney, John Murphy, Andrew Parker, Scout Sinclair, Matt Sturdevant, Sara Walker.

Non-voting/Ex-Officio: Kerry Landers (Graduate Office Advisor), Melissa Lin (Graduate Activities Coordinator).


Guests: Tim Chapp (Chemistry)

WELCOME: (Matt Sturdevant)—Guests please check-in with Sara Walker, Records Chair. Meeting brought to order at 5:39pm.

REPORTS:

Finance Report (Allison Henrich)

- Good news—under budget on semi-formal! Allison thinks this is because we budgeted about $2,000 extra plus Safety & Security didn’t show up.
- Therefore we should have enough for a summer party.
- Other items for funding requests have come under budget.

Funding Request Follow Up

- Mar. 2, 2007 White House party (on campus) $250 (fast track approved)
  - Matt Mahoney said it was a fun event. It was about 50-50 undergrads—grads, they ran out of wine really fast.
- Feb. 17, 2007 DMS Dance for a Dream $250—GSC amount approved.
  - Great success. Allison Henrich was told by Emmy Rubin they raised about $15,000.
- Feb. 17, 2007 Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction $10—GSC amount approved.
  - Matt Sturdevant expressed concern that some issues have come up with the morality of having this type of event. Scout Sinclair noted they publicize that it is NOT the person being sold but their time and if they do not want to go on the date after it is sold then they don’t have to.
  - Kerry Landers says that we should just know that there were students who were not happy about the event. This will be a concern for those who plan it next year.
- Feb. 18, 2007 Chinese Student & Scholars Association Spring Festival $400—GSC amount approved.
  - Very well attended. Many CSSA as well as non-CSSA members in attendance.
Social Report (Matt Mahoney)

Event Reviews:

- Speed Mixing (Cary Boyd) $100—GSC amount approved.
  - Very successful. Caitlin Stashwick and Viv Tawfik did a nice job organizing. Cary and Allison said that they met a lot of people. Cary says that we gave $100 so it was definitely worth it. Twenty students attended from each of four schools.
- White House Party – March 2nd
  - Scout Sinclair says that GA’s thought it was a tremendous success. They handed out name tags with colors for undergrad, and grad to promote mixing. Scout Sinclair says that they will plan another one next term, which may or may not need funding from GSC. Matt Mahoney asks that if funding is an issue to buy more wine that we should provide money for more beverages. Matt notes it is a good event so it would be worth the money to get people to stay.
  - Scout Sinclair also asks if there is a venue where this event could be held in the future since it is up to the current residents to hold the event.
  - Dean of the College (Dan Nelson) recently held an undergrad party – and may want to sponsor for grad students.

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Upcoming Events:

- Wine and Cheese Reception at DOC – April 6th (Allison Henrich) $500—GSC amount approved.
  - Allison Henrich likes the suggestions she got last time. Tickets will be sold at the door and Allison Henrich already has sober monitors. This event is a fundraiser.
- Graduate Student Appreciation Week (April 30-May 4)
  - Entire week of content driven academic and social events. Melissa Lin is planning a wine tasting that week. There will be several events that week.
  - Scout Sinclair mentions President Wright’s letter and suggests having the undergrad student assembly recognizing grad appreciation week.
  - Sam Bakhoum suggests including more publicity for graduate students in the Dartmouth.
  - Scout Sinclair asks about inviting staff from the Dartmouth to our next meeting, before grad appreciation week.
  - Kerry Landers noted that basically she and Charlie Barlowe are the publishing office for the A&S program.
  - Scout Sinclair suggests her and Melissa Lin and other volunteers write an article before grad appreciation week.
  - Scout Sinclair says that this would be good to keep in the back of our minds for future events.
    - Cinco de Mayo – will be celebrated May 4 and finish Grad Appreciation Week.
    - Gusanoz Mexican Restaurant will cater the event. Food has been ordered.
- Party with DJ Girl Talk – May 12th
  - We have girl talk for Alumni Hall – May 12th. We are thinking about joining the event with Friday Night Rock (Undergraduate group). Girl Talk will only play one set so we need an opening band which Friday night Rock will provide and help to cosponsor.
  - Allison Henrich says they are thinking about how much to charge and maybe food.
  - They are trying to figure out how much to charge and how to work out the general logistics with involving Friday night Rock.
  - Matt Sturdevant asked about S & S and having food if we have alcohol. Allison Henrich says that this will be a couple hundred dollars.
Ticket sales - Allison Henrich is thinking about selling tickets to undergrads with a cap on the number and grads can purchase at the door.

Matt Sturdevant asked if we have enough money w/o selling any tickets – Allison Henrich responded yes with money left over from semi-formal.

Could sell tickets at Collis.

Tuck is invited to the event. Allison Henrich says we should allot certain number of tickets to undergrads, grads, and Tuck etc.

Allison Henrich needs to get a sense from Friday Night Rock about being 21 and over.

Matt Sturdevant asked if we are getting a contract from Girl Talk – answer is yes.

Scout Sinclair asked about sending out a call for help for logistical help. Allison Henrich will recruit people at the April meeting.

Sam Bakhoum suggested it might be a good idea to have under age people attend.

Allison Henrich says that First Night Rock does alcohol bracelets at their events already.

More about it next month.

Grad Activities Coordinator Sponsored Events (Melissa Lin)

- Plans to do an etiquette dinner after spring break.
- Rock climbing is another event since it is in doors.
- In the spring Melissa Lin would like to do canoeing.
- Would like to get any suggestions from the group and requests that people be thorough with their suggestions.
- Ice Skating says that she and the guy at DXC have been passing emails back and forth and Occom Pond might be closed for the season.
- Melissa Lin is looking into cross country skiing or sledding. Scout Sinclair has access to 12 sleds.

The Landers Report (Kerry Landers)

- Kerry says that they are excepting nominations for graduate student community award – for grad students who have contributed to the grad community. Send nominations to Cary. And, the Grad studies office is also receiving nominations for the faculty mentoring award.
- Kerry says that the social space building will begin construction in the fall.

North Park Coordinator Report (Cary Boyd)

- North Park will have a St. Patrick’s Party at Ramunto’s Brick & Brew which will be open to GSC members. Cary will send an email to GSC members. (March 17)

Website Update (Melissa Lin)

- Scout Sinclair has finished the website and it has been transferred to our GSC page but it is not transferred to the main page.
- Melissa Lin would like the website to go live by the next meeting (date is April 2nd).

Graduate Suite Space (Sam Bakhoum)

- Sam Bakhoum has looked into what suggestions people had about the grad social space. The architects are looking at an accelerated plan so they will meet on Friday. GSC members should send in put to Sam Bakhoum.
- Scout suggests meeting with Kerry Landers, Cary Boyd and Sam Bakhoum after the meeting or later this week.

College Committee Reports (College Committee Members)
• Matt Sturdevant went to the **Council on Graduate Studies** meeting. MPH will be undergoing an adjustment this year and having summer coursework. Matt Sturdevant asked the committee where they are going to live with the new schedule. North Park and Sachem have an agreement but Matt Sturdevant worries because the additional courses will be in Centerra. It will be hard for people without cars, as buses do not run to Centerra. There will also be a change to the M.S. program. The new Graduate online application process has started and is going well.

• Colleen Fox shared that **Office of Student Life** met. Most discussion was on budget which pertained mostly to undergrad dinning hall. They will meet again on Friday so Colleen will talk about any suggestions.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. May GSC Executive Board elections (Matt Sturdevant)
   • Next meeting will be the first meeting where we will accept nominations for the executive board.
   • Election will be first meeting in May and new board will take over immediately.

2. Anyone who wants to come listen to a bunch of talks in Engineering March 16th and 17th by grad students doing research in Thayer – they are 15min each from all Ph.D. students in Thayer.

3. Computer Science has beers on Fridays and would be interested in joining another group from a department. Let Scout Sinclair if you are interested.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**OPEN AGENDA /General Announcements**

Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.

----------Next GSC Meeting will be Monday, April 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in Moore 202----------