Meeting Minutes: Tues, March 2nd, 2010 @ 5:30 PM, 1930's Room in Rockefeller Center
(Attendance: Exec Board = 10, Dept Reps = 18, Non-Voting Reps = 2, Guests = 0)

WELCOME (Tina C.): guests please check in with Li C.
- Feb 2nd, 2010 minutes approved (yay : nay : abstention = 27: 0: 1)

OPEN FORUM
- TEDx at Dartmouth on Saturday, April 17 from 12-6pm. (Blanko C.)
  TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) is a small nonprofit devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading (see website: www.ted.com). It is a program that brings the most inspiring and innovative people to conference to give a talk on how they can change the world. TEDx (x = independently organized event) at Dartmouth is an event that brings people at Dartmouth together to share a TED-like experience (see website: www.dartmouth.edu/~tedx/). By doing so, it will not only help people understand different research fields, but also put a limelight on Dartmouth's research.
  → TEDx at Dartmouth is asking us for help in reaching out to the grad population. The event will be held at Moore Theater with three sessions and 400 seats to be filled.
  → It was noted that the best way to advertise this to grads is via e-mail. The A & S grads did not receive the mass notification sent out to the Dartmouth community via the all campus e-mailing list. It was suggested that Branko blitz out to GSC account the link and e-mail he plans to use to advertise the event. The GSC can help blitz the information out to all grad students from all four schools (A&S, Thayer, Tuck & DMS).
  → Have any creative and extensive ideas other than e-mail to publicize this to grads?
    Please e-mail Branko Cerny (branko.cerny@dartmouth.edu)
  → Any questions about TEDx? Blitz TEDx@Dartmouth.edu
- Website for courses (Rachel N.)
  Undergrads have such resources, but no such thing for grads. Lilian is starting a website for grads, compiling a list of the classes available (along with ratings!) per term. Such list would be especially useful for new students who have no idea what is going on.
  → Some concerns / suggestions were:
    • As many undergrads take grad courses, could we just team up with the undergrads? We have indeed contacted the undergard student assembly and are waiting for their response.
    • This website may not pertain to all grads, as certain departments give students no options on what courses to take.
    • May be helpful to obtain database of all the courses from Gary Hutchins. May also be helpful to contact the administrative offices of each department.
    • May want to consider making the website available only to current students so that prospective student cannot access it.
    • May not be able to get the information well in advance as certain departments take a while to send out course notification
  → If you have any other questions / suggestions or are interested in helping, please e-mail Lilian or Rachel.

OLD BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS
- **GSC Recognition Groups (Lola T.):**
  - Graduate Student Movie Club approved (yay : nay : abstention = 28: 0: 0)
    Reason for recognition: for publicity and to potentially attract more members, as well as to facilitate additional celebration for the club. Someone expressed concern that sometimes people do not go because they do not know what movies are showing. Jason noted that although he cannot tell people what movies will be showing, he could send out a list hinting what movies might be showing.
  - Green Lambda approved (yay : nay : abstention = 28: 0: 0)
    Reason for recognition: for publicity and allow the LGBTQA graduate community to know the existence of such organization. They are hoping to take advantage of the increasing memberships this year to make LBGTQA a stronger and sustainable organization. Current events held are social events but plan to eventually transition to more educational and academically focused events. The main focus is on community building by facilitating the integration of the LGBTQA community into the larger Dartmouth community.

**UPDATES & REVIEWS**

**LANDERS REPORT** (Kerry L.)
Get ready for grad appreciation week which starts on Monday, April 5!
→ Events include: poster session, breakfast with President Kim, academic job search, lunch with WISP and much more!

**PRESIDENT REPORT** (Tina C.)
- An e-mail was sent out to GSC members asking how we can build a benign and collegial environment for our meetings. We have already received some feedbacks. Overall, reps feel intimidated to speak up as they are unfamiliar with the people. We propose that two social events for GSC members (one after exec elections and another after rep elections) be held.
- Amendment Proposal to Bylaws approved (yay : nay : abstention = 28: 0: 0)
  - overseeing Chairs for Conference Grants (Academic Chair)
  - GSC Recognition Applications (VP)
- Exec Board election, 5/4
  → If you know anyone who will be a great asset, please nominate them!
  → Follow-up on previous suggestion to allow the entire grad population to vote:
    In the past, elections were done by electoral vote (i.e. proportioned to the size of each department), thus thought to be fair for only the reps to vote. Note that if the rep cannot attend the elections, s/he can send someone else to represent the department. This, however, is not strongly stated in the bylaws. If the council feels strongly that everyone should vote, we can change that. If you have any suggestions for an alternative voting system, please e-mail GSC.
  → For the upcoming exec board election, it was suggested that an e-mail of the list of candidates be sent out to the reps ahead of time so the reps can inform their departments.
- Housing: Dartmouth owns a couple of condos. Employees get first dibs. Afterwards, it is open to the public. Grad students are treated as “public”. Casey is looking into whether we can get an advantage for grads.
- GSC Relief Team. We are currently building a GSC Relief Team that will focus on helping with disasters occurring around the world (ex. Haiti and Chili earthquakes). If there are enough participants, we will apply for GSC recognition. We plan to host charity events and the proceeds will go to places in need. Interested? Please e-mail Tina.
- Dental: Gordon Taylor appealed to the Board of Trustees to open a Dartmouth clinic. If Gordon was persuasive enough, we are hopeful it could happen.
VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT (James H. & Lola T.)
- Zimride: They offer networking for carpooling, but apparently there is a free facebook application that anyone can use to setup carpool rides. James will send out an email to everyone on how to use it.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Nimit D.)
- Finance Snapshot for Feb 2010
- Funding Request Review:
  - Green Orpheus Approved
  - Katie for V-Day Approved
  - CSSA for Spring Festival not Approved

ACTIVITIES REPORT (Katie K. & Jeremy H.)
- Poker Tournament (Sunday, Feb 7)
  Only 15 people attended, probably due to Super Bowl Sunday. Fundraised $200, which has been donated to PIH under Dartmouth’s name.
- Semi-formal / mask making workshops
  The events were a success! Overall feedback was people were excited to make their own masks and thought the mask making workshops were awesome. We applaud Marcella and her gang for the wonderful decorations. Any more comments / suggestions? Please e-mail Katie / Jeremy.
- Brewfest (Sunday, April 18 afternoon)
  There will be beer and catering. For those interested in being in the competition, you should start brewing! For first-timers, we are currently trying to contact the upper valley brewers society for tips on brewing. For those interested, the brewers society is holding a meeting at Umpleby’s on Wednesday, March 17 (St. Patrick’s Day).

GSAC REPORT (Thomas Kilgore) – No items.

NORTH PARK REPORT (Michael H.) – No items.

STUDENT LIFE REPORT (Casey M.) – No items.

ACADEMICS REPORT (Lilian K.)
- MIT Career Fair: MIT has refused to open up their career fair to other schools. We are currently looking at other options, seeking help from career service office at Dartmouth as well as other professional schools who have their own career fairs.
- Grad Students Anonymous Group (Pilot event: Wednesday, March 10)
  This is a grad student peer event that gives grads an opportunity to talk about their frustrations and issues surrounding their grad lives. Refreshments will be provided. An e-mail about the event will be sent out to everyone tomorrow.
- Conference Grant Applications
  We have received four grant applications so far. We are currently looking for 6-10 council members to be part of the conference grant application committee. The committee will review the grants and vote which two will be funded. If you are interested, please e-mail Lilian.

NEW BUSINESS
- V-Day (Katie K.)
  → V-grams: come in five flavors. Order them online. Will be delivered on March 4.
  → Monologues (March 3 & 4). First time being held at the HOP (Moore Theater).
    President Kim and his wife will be there, so please plan on joining us!
  → Any questions? Please e-mail Katie.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.