GSC MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2004
6pm, Moore Hall, Room 302

ATTENDANCE

Co-Presidents
Vernita Irvin present
Sharon Martison present

Vice-President
Vacant

Finance Chair
Erik Tou present

Records Chair
Vacant

Social Committee Co-Chairs
Bill Haslett absent
Scout Sinclair present

Graduate Housing Coordinator
Cary Boyd present

Graduate Activities Coordinator
Craig Tiede present

Graduate Office Advisor
Kerry Landers present

Biochemistry
Vacant

Biological Sciences
Sharon Martison present

C.E.C.S.
ThaniyyahAhmad absent
Tai Antoine absent
Anna Arnold absent
Candice Blagmon absent
Leslie Laam absent

Chemistry
Rukman De Silva absent

Comparative Literature
Anna Bachman present

Computer Science
Ming Li present
Scout Sinclair present

Dartmouth Medical School (DMS)
Vacant

Earth Sciences
Benjamin Burke absent

Electro-Acoustic Music
Bill Haslett absent

Evaluative Clinical Sciences (ECS)
Vacant
Masters of Liberal Studies (MALS)

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I. GSC Funds: Budgets & Funding Requests
   - Erik distributed a revised annual budget and a list of funds spent since July 2004.
   - Since the GSC meets only once per month, occasionally funding requests submitted from outside groups won’t allow the entire GSC to meet to discuss approval of the requests. The group decided that such requests can be “fast tracked,” with information e-mailed to all GSC reps who will be able to provide feedback if necessary, and final voting power resting with the executive officers. This protocol exists for any requests under $250 and submitted outside the GSC meeting timeline.
   - Erik will be revising the funding request form to encourage requestors to send a representative to GSC meetings and to address those requests that are for entire terms or the academic year.

II. Constitution Revisions
    - The GSC constitution has not been revised since its adoption in 1988. The Executive Officers and Craig have revised those items obviously false, for later approval by the GSC. A committee shall be formed to make additional suggested revisions in time for our November meeting. Jenica, Ming and Scout will serve on this committee.

III. Vacant Executive Officer Positions
    - Two Executive Officer positions remain vacant: Vice President and Records Chair. At this point, three separate students have expressed an interest, however none of them were present at the meeting.
    - Eligibility and election or appointment issues regarding these positions will be addressed as part of the constitution revisions.

IV. Upcoming Activities
    - Over Homecoming weekend, the GSC is sponsoring two service projects. On Friday, October 29, members of the GSC will be cooking dinner alongside Students Fighting Hunger at Edgerton House in Hanover from 4-7pm. On Saturday, October 30, a group of grad students will be participating in a Habitat for Humanity build in Wilder, VT from 12-4pm.
    - Cary is coordinating a North Park hockey team and asked about funding for ice time. The group asked her to gather more information regarding interest and costs for the November meeting.

V. Library Tutorial
    - At the September meeting, members discussed setting up a web tutorial for grad students about all the library resources on campus. Vernita has been working with Suzanne Cox in library services to set up such a tutorial. After much discussion, it was decided Vernita would move ahead with gathering the information and Scout would write the code for the program.

VI. October Funding Requests
    - One funding request came in for this month’s meeting. The request was for $300 for a new server from the Chinese Students and Scholars Association. After much discussion, the group approved a proposal to table a vote on the server, pending additional information from CSSA.

VII. T-Shirt Design Contest
    - October 4 was the deadline for design submissions. Three submissions were made by the deadline. They were distributed for the group to review.
    - A proposal was made to extend the submission deadline through Thursday night’s Quiz Night and accepted by the assembly.
    - T-shirts will be free for all first-year students and GSC members, with other grads able to preorder.

VIII. Council on Computing
    - A graduate student is needed to serve as a representative for the Council on Computing. Ming and Scout volunteered to serve as co-representatives and attend the first meeting this Thursday.

IX. Financial Aid Issues
    - Many graduate students have been having issues with their financial aid. Financial Aid is sponsoring two roundtable discussions for all students, and specifically invited the graduate community to attend. These sessions will take place on October 13 and 14.
X. **Ivy League Summit**
- The Ivy League Summit is taking place this coming weekend at Columbia University in NYC. None of the Executive Officers were able to attend, and extended an invitation to members to represent Dartmouth at the summit. Cary, Ben and Anna all expressed an interest and the group agreed the three could go.
- Organizers of the summit want each GSC to provide their delegates with absolute voting privileges, eliminating the need for each school’s GSC to approve measures proposed at the summit. The membership rejected this proposal, so Dartmouth representatives will not have absolute voting privileges.

*Minutes submitted by Craig Tied, Graduate Activities Coordinator.*