Meeting Minutes: Tue, Oct 6th, 2009 @ 5:30 PM, 1930's Room in Rockefeller Center
(Attendance: Exec Board = 10, Dept Reps = 12, Guests = 17)

WELCOME (Tina C.): guests please check in with Li C.
- Sept 1st, 2009 minutes approved (yay : nay : abstention = 21 : 1 : 1)

DCAL REPORT (Cindy T.)

ACTION ITEMS
- New Academic Chair is Lilian C. Kabeche.
- Annual budget 2009-2010 approved (yay : nay : abstention = 21 : 2 : 1)
- Funding Requests:
  ■ IGMP BBQ approved (yay : nay : abstention = 19 : 3 : 2)
  ■ Hindu student organization Diwali Festival not approved for $800 (yay : nay : abstention = 6 : 12 : 3) but approved for $500 (yay : nay : abstention = 18 : 3 : 1)
  ■ Homecoming Tailgate Party approved (yay : nay : abstention = 17 : 4 : 1)

UPDATES & REVIEWS

PRESIDENT REPORT (Tina C.)
- Elections: This week we are holding elections for new dept reps. Get the word out!
- Grad Ads in The D: Spotlighting grad students.
- Website Update: Some updates have been made. Any suggestions? E-mail Tina.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT (James H. & Lola T.)
- A Letter was sent to Pres. Kim noting the lack of acknowledgement of grad students during his inauguration speech.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Nimit D.)
- CSSA Funding Request of $500 approved for Moon Festival. Issues: Event was not widely advertised through e-mail or D2U as promised. Also, the event was all in Chinese, so was quite exclusive and not entirely inviting to all grad students. Any suggestions on how we can prevent / resolve similar issues in the future? E-mail Nimit.
- Funding request submission time period has been extended from 33 to 72 hrs.

ACTIVITIES REPORT (Katie K. & Jeremy H.)
- First year mug party was a success!
- Service Day: lots to improve on. Projects were cancelled at the last minute. Lack of communication from the opposite end. Plan to work on getting in touch with more organizations interested in Service Day. Also plan to work in collaboration with Tucker Foundation.
- BEMA was Great and Fun!
- Future events:
  ■ Apple Picking: in collaboration with new GSAC
  ■ Halloween: sponsored by DMS at Whaleback – buses will be running from Dartmouth to Whaleback.
ACADEMICS REPORT (Annalies V.)
- Annalies enjoyed working with everyone.

STUDENT LIFE REPORT (Casey M.)
- OGRES was sent out to all first years. PDF format available on GSC website for those interested. No print copy was available this year. Next year, plan to have orientation guide e-mailed by mid-July. Also, plan to have print versions available.
- Nugget deal is still going well, so will keep it running.

NORTH PARK REPORT (Michael H.)
- The Wine and Cheese (orientation event – advertised on orientation website) was a huge success.

GSAC REPORT (Thomas Kilgore)
- Have four initiatives:
  ■ foster sense of community
  ■ promote diversity and more inclusiveness
  ■ galvanizing intellectual thoughts
  ■ create social impact.
- Want to focus on marketing. Plan to give surveys to understand what is / is not working.
- Any suggestions / questions / ideas? E-mail Thomas.

LANDERS REPORT (Kerry L.)
- Sandy Spiegel is leaving. Kerry will be taking on some of her duty as they work on finding a replacement.
- Events are happening on campus: Kerry has been posting them and sending e-mail notifications. Sign-up / show-up for them if interested!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
- We need more people on the academic committee. If interested, e-mail Lilian!

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:50 pm.