Meeting Minutes: Tues, Sept 7th, 2010 @ 5:30 PM, Rockefeller Center 1930s Room

PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Marcella Lucas)

Guests please check in with Aarathi Prasad/Li Chang

We would like feedback on Gazetteer and website

- Update: Lunch with President Jim Kim
  o Requested for grad student representation at Convocation
  o Spread awareness of grad students existence among undergraduates and faculty.
  o We will give list of items that president can incorporate into his speech, when he will hopefully address graduate students.
  o Will push for graduate student representation at convocation next year

- Friday Sept 24th 4-5pm: 1st year Graduate Student Reception
  o President will be attending
  o So will Dean Brian Progue
  o Reps invited to the reception as well

- Homecoming weekend
  o Spread graduate student awareness among alumni, meeting with Lori from Alumni Relations
  o Grad students can get involved in the parade, in the bonfire etc
  o Send mail to depts to see if students want to get involved in organizing or participating

- Tucker Foundation
  o Need to reach out and connect with other parts of campus, attract students who are not much into socializing. For eg Tucker Foundation – volunteer based activities. Maybe not in October, but during Spring

- Academic Chair Vacancy
  o Change role to cover both PR and Academic Chair
  o Job fair fell through last year with MIT. Not many responsibilities for academic chair.
  o PR great idea – especially for events planning, to get word out
  o Communications person would be great – someone whose sole job is to actively focus on how to actively communicate with graduate students. Maintain facebook or twitter
  o Not going to be rid of all responsibilities of academic chair, could be combined with Student life chair
  o Academic chair could have responsibilities like volunteer to talk to employers, externships (visit alumni in a organization what its like to work at an org)
  o Proposal for next meeting:
    - New responsibilities of combines Student Life + Academic Chair
    - Responsibilities for Communication/ PR chair
- October GSC Rep Elections
  o Week after Oct elections. Mail student body for nominations. Vote for one of the nominee
  o Vote electronically

OLD BUSINESS
- 2010-2011 GSC Budget Yay(16), Nay(1), Abstention(1)

ACTION ITEMS
- Approval of Aug 2010 minutes Yay(15)
- GSC Recognition :
  - Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA)
    ◆ More than 200 members.
    ◆ Website is in Chinese
    ◆ Undergraduates are also part of this organization
    ◆ Provisional till website supplemented ie made into English (Put in agenda for next meeting)
    ◆ Yay(13), Nay(1), Abstention(1)

Should representative of prospective GSC organizations leave the room during voting –
If they stay and know who opposes, they can go talk to them. Might cause animosity. Not necessarily, since anyone can become a rep and gain voting privilege. It is possible to predict how people vote. You won’t know only for that particular request meeting day.
All stay, all leaves (vote assumed for those who leave) :
All Stay - 3
All Leave – 9
Abstains - 3

- Funding Requests:
  - LEAD Symposium Funding Request
    ◆ Alcoholic drinks(wine & cheese for keynote speaker)
    ◆ Event lasts for an evening and a day
    ◆ Food for 200 people, lunch with alcohol, travel for keynotes
    ◆ Motion for $500 – Yay(19)
  - GOC Franconia Ridge Funding Request
    ◆ Hike on Sept 4th went pretty well. 15 students attended + waiting list of 10/12
    ◆ Next time will advertise to all programs equally
    ◆ Total of $150 - $100 for pizza, $50 for reimbursements, bring your own lunch
    ◆ Over 30 people signed up
    ◆ Reimburse people who drive : gift certificate or voucher to get reimburse gas(88 miles)
    ◆ Will have multiple groups going
    ◆ In future DOC will take care to ensure safety of hikers
    ◆ Drivers should be Dartmouth-certified. Does help lessen liabilities, for Dartmouth-certified events.
    ◆ Good idea for the group to have a waiver – GSC and Dartmouth aren’t responsible.
    ◆ DOC will help set rules in place. Risk management group is helpful as well.
    ◆ Arrange a minibus – Jeff can drive.
    ◆ Funding request withdrawn
  - IGMP Funding Request
◆ 50 people – 23rd September
◆ $550 for a simple meal
◆ Location should be in Gilman
◆ Ensure it doesn’t clash with any other events
◆ Bonding with your mentee and mentor
◆ No organization doing stuff for international graduate students
◆ Space should be booked fast, wait on it to see a budget including cups, plates and forks
◆ Yay(14), Nay(1), Abstention(1)

UPDATES & REVIEWS

LANDERS REPORT (Kerry Landers)
- Fall events posted on websites - includes job searching, scholarships – volunteer for career fairs to interact with employers
- Invitation to attend orientation dinner
- Hiring for GSAC (graduate studies activities coordinator) – non-stipend students can apply, requirements on Grad Studies website

FINANCIAL REPORT (Leah Rommereim)
- Finance Snapshot
- Event Reviews

ACTIVITIES REPORT (Katie Kinnaird & Ali Titiz)
- Pig Roast Review
  o About 200 attended
- Wellie Semiformal (BEMA).
  o Change BEMA to Wellie (Rainboots)
  o On Sept 25th
  o Volunteers needed

NEW BUSINESS