Graduate Student Council

GC Board Agenda
Tuesday, Jan 9th 2018 from 5:30PM to 7:00PM – Carson L01

VOTES

- Meeting minutes passed
- Agenda passed (1 abstain, 1 opposed)
- Travel Grant revisions passed (1 opposed)
  - For enrolled graduate students (part-time, full-time, enrolled staff)
  - Reason for combining smaller (multiple $250 grants) to large (single $1000) was to help offset costs for the grant winner. $250 not enough to help send someone to a conference. Award adjustment was also to make the grant more prestigious and to increase competition.
  - Wider window for application (can apply two terms in advance)
- Student support fund passed (amended version, 4 opposed)
  - Motion to move amended version to the floor (modified the wording). Now strictly academic, with no consideration of financial hardship. This decision was made since the GSC is not able to determine financial need. Motion to amend passed (3 opposed).
  - Motion to keep EB to decide on whether or not the support fund is granted, passed (2 opposed, 4 abstaining).
  - In case of dire financial hardship, best for the student to approach the GRAD office.
  - Concern raised for “double-dipping” both the travel grant and the support fund, possibility of caps, timeline, or limits to be placed such that everyone has a fair chance of applying for these grants. Discussion tabled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Housing ad-hoc committee is forming a survey to assess housing needs of the graduate community. Please email Parth with any suggestions/questions as to what should be on the survey (e.g. interest in long-term leases, rent ranges, etc.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Service
  - 400lbs of food from the Holiday Food Drive.
  - Bingo Night in December was good. Another in Feb planned.
  - CHaD Valentine’s Day card event to be planned.