VOTES

- Meeting minutes passed
- Agenda passed
- Motion to move benefits committee presentation to the end of the meeting, passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Constitutional amendment on Article IX. Faculty/Special Advisor, passed (1 abstain).
  - The Assistant Dean of Graduate Student Affairs as the primary advisor to the GSC. Other special advisors may be appointed by a majority vote of membership by the GSC.
- Finance Report
  - Funding request by TDI for National Public Health Week
  - $500 for kickoff event → motion passed to amend amount to $250, $250 awarded.
  - $500 for panel → motion passed to amend amount to $250. $250 awarded (22 for, 4 abst) Student Life will work with TDI to give funding as necessary.
- Recap of meeting with Dean Kull
  - Professional development fund by the graduate school discontinued, as it is like student support fund. Will pool funds with travel award that is currently given out by the graduate school.
  - Sachem shuttle: potential short-term. Interest?
  - New Graduate lounge (to be built next to LSC, the location of the old Dana library). Building design includes a new terrace space that will be shared by the entire building.
  - Parking issue brought up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Benefits committee: looked at stipend and cost of living, health, prescription, additional health and family benefits, as well as general life benefits at Dartmouth compared to other Ivy+ institutions.
  - Cost of living: comparable to other Ivy+ institutions, but stipend and cost of living does not match up. Suggestion: fully disclose stipend amount across different departments on the website, with possible increase in the stipend.
  - General health benefits: hospitalization, 20% support of total bill. Other institutions have $100-250 co-pay. Suggestion: have more informative web site. For off-campus care, establish emergency fund. Most places with medical programs have 24 hr urgent care run by medical students, so it would be nice to have one here at Dartmouth as well.
  - Prescription: flat fee if at Dick’s House or DHMC. Outside providers, must pay copayment of 20%. No optical or dental services, selected options (if present, such as agreement with some dentists) bad. Most places cover an exam/yr (if advertised). Other institutions also provide option to buy into optical or dental care.
  - Family benefits (maternity/paternity). Affordable child care not available. Options around campus not affordable for graduate student stipend, discounts (if any) not great.
  - Student-life benefits: housing costs charged by Dartmouth is higher than other institutes. Suggestion: please explain how we have higher rent costs compared to cost of living when
compared to other institutions. Would also be great to have nighttime/weekend transportation.