

APPENDICES

A. Unsolicited 'Issues' raised by Survey Respondents

The following responses were submitted in response to an open-ended question that began the survey, before any of these issues were brought up. Survey responders were likely aware of the newly created Student Life Committee of the Graduate Student Council of Dartmouth College, and of its overarching objectives, but were not yet aware of the specifics of the survey. As such, these can be considered to be the issues that Dartmouth graduate students are concerned with on a day to day basis.

More social activities (i.e. TGIF) for the Lebanon campus.

dental and vision coverage: this is a huge hole that needs to be filled at Dartmouth.

graduate housing

psychological well being

transportation and some evening hours at Dick's house!!

Dental Insurance Please!!! Otherwise my teeth will fall out!!!

- Limited hours for libraries & gym facilities when undergrads are on break.

- Grad student gathering area to have more mixing b/n DMS, Tuck, other programs (not just occasional socials, but a dedicated gathering area/restaurant/bar for daily/weekly use) This would need to be started very early in academic year for it to make a difference

- Limited hours (9-5) for mental health appts at Dick's House. Please advocate for 1 night of dedicated evening hours (6-10 pm)

- DMS has no dental/vision insurance - it just comes out of pocket, which is a pain for those of us who use those services. But I've come to accept it.

transportation

accommodation

More community building for students living outside of student housing. I do not live in North Park or Sachem, but find myself often wishing I had that built-in community. It can be lonely to be a graduate student in the upper valley, particularly if you are not as interested in social events centered around heavy drinking or dancing to loud music or going to clubs/bars. Something more laid back like wine and cheese with the focus on conversation, or a cooking club or movie club might be nice.

more coordination administratively/curricularly among all the graduate programs, better mentoring of students from professors and other faculty

Organize more activities. Student price at Nugget.

stipend matching across all graduate programs (chemistry, MCB, MD-PhD program, etc)

There isn't much interaction between the graduate programs, especially with Tuck. They seem to be on their own.

I know some people have expressed concern over housing. There is hardly any housing for DMS students and what is available is only for first-year students.

Social events involving all of the grad schools

More collaborative social events between all schools.

housing, dental

Accommodations

Curricular

Activities and Extracurricular

dental/vision insurance

More integration with other grad programs and the community at large.

Dental

I think networking amongst graduate students should be addressed. Also, as a parent, I think someone needs to push parenting resources (daycare, maternity/paternity leave, etc.) because graduate student parents have nothing.

Housing availability

dental and vision coverage

yearly income

activities and extracurricular events

health care, access and better insurance, dental and vision insurance

better coverage of preventative care tests and lab fees

activities and extracurricular events

accommodations

yearly income

Dental and vision coverage and housing costs.

Being in graduate school, we should not have to pay for routine eye checkups. Also, there are a lot of us who are constantly working either in front of a laptop or microscope and we would really appreciate not having to worry about our eyes. This should be covered.

The housing costs in Hanover have risen tremendously. And what most people don't understand is why Dartmouth college, which should be offering subsidized housing to students, does the opposite instead! This trend is just unacceptable. It seems that pursuing housing options outside of Dartmouth always makes a lot more sense economically.

The ever-rising cost of DMS tuition, compounded in the short-term by the current fiscal crisis.

High cost-of-living in the Upper Valley

I'm generally happy. I wish we could get student prices or discounted tickets to performances at the HOP for spouses.

dental insurance, child care

expansion of insurance to include dental and vision coverage

not sure

Better healthcare coverage that includes routine labs and dental care

More organized activities between grad student groups.

Health/Dental/Vision insurance

Better healthcare insurance (including dental and vision), or at least an option to purchase discounted insurance.

Professional financial services including accountants and financial advisors who are experienced with professional students who may have a more complex financial situation (families, investments, retirement plans, a mortgage, etc...) and need help in budgeting for school and planning for the future. Personally, I was curious as to whether I should borrow money or withdraw from investments to pay for school, and I was given absolutely no guidance from our financial aid office. I would have appreciated at least a referral to someone who could help me plan. I also had trouble when it came to buying a house, and I had to discover everything on my own. (Note there is the Dartmouth Plus program available to employees purchasing a house, but not students.)

In terms of living situations, I had to move to Hanover from the West coast on short notice (~ 1 month) due to the timing of my medical school admission. I ended up renting a unit that I found through the Dartmouth web page (it was a private rental, not a Dartmouth property) of Upper Valley Rental lists. There were no photos of the unit, but this was characteristic of most of the listings on the Dartmouth page. When I moved across the country, I discovered that my new apartment had the promised square footage, but a ceiling height of only 6'3". I had no choice but to live there since I had signed a lease and had no time to find another location. I know that the Dartmouth Leasing & Operations office claims no ties and responsibility for the units listed on their site, but couldn't they at least require representative photographs? Students are urged to use the site by Dartmouth, who then turn around and claim that it is not their problem if something goes wrong.

I do not think any stipend program should be pursued. I would much prefer that any energy in this topic be directed to reducing tuition/fees. Why would I want to borrow more money just to have the school give me something back? Just let me borrow less money. I would bet that people who have considerable free financial aid would love a stipend, but those of us who have to take out loans are insulted by the idea.

Sure, cheap tickets to the Nugget would be nice. Overall I feel that activities and events are readily available.

Dental coverage

Dental and Vision

Accommodations

Yearly income

Coin machine in the North Park laundry room.

Vision/dental coverage/subsidy

Dartmouth College gym hours (while undergrads are away/on break)

The equivalent of FLIP classes to be available at times that grad students could attend

Availability of music lessons for grad students (through the college or a compilation of instructors in the area)

Dental & Vision coverage

Curricular and Activities/Extracurricular

Better health care rates for the spouses and families of graduate students.

Accommodation

child care, transportation, international students insertion

Commute from and to college.

Extended health coverage (vision/dental), more graduate housing closer to campus.

better health plan with dental/vision would be great
cheap tickets for the nugget would also be great

More theme parties.

Dental and Vision coverage would be a HUGE step forward. We're already cutting corners in taking care of ourselves when we're working towards an advanced degree.

I also think it would be very helpful to have some kind of thesis support/advice group, or perhaps a few focused on different issues. The Grad Office provides SOME of this, but I think that their programs are too vague and don't really address things that need attention.

I would like to see the GSC address outreach to the community in Hanover/Lebanon. It is very easy to get into a bubble in graduate school and I think it would be a good effort to get involved in the community. Also, I think it could be helpful to arrange more low key social events to bring the graduate students together. I think the Formal and other big events are great but smaller venues are also nice.

I most want to see GSC address spouse issues. Most on-campus events (not GSC) are off-limits to spouses or very expensive, and as a married student it alienates me from the college. At my former institution, spouses could receive a special ID by paying the equivalent of the Student Activity Fee and gained student access to exercise facilities, shows, sports, etc.

Accommodation

Improvements to the health care for graduate students (including getting dental & vision coverage) is sorely needed.

Dental Insurance! (at least some subsidized student options)

dental, making sure we don't get marginalized during the downturn.

dental, health insurance

Child care and perhaps short-term disability insurance are good things to push for. In terms of extracurriculars, more opportunities to go to Molly's, Canoe, Murphy's, etc. with drink specials for grad students are needed and would be easy to do.

The shuttle service already runs about four times every hour during most of the day to the hospital, which is good enough for me. There's no need for dental or vision coverage. In the absence of some freak accident requiring major dental or vision surgery, the costs of dental/vision can be anticipated and thus saved for by individuals themselves. Perhaps, then, these needs could be subsumed in the yearly income category. Having too many things to lobby for can dilute progress on the most pressing things.

Dental and vision coverage.

Dental and Eye Care, and Outreach opportunities

dental and vision coverage?

I think that the Student Council has not engaged enough in community outreach programs

Dental coverage

Dental Insurance, longer AT hours

Accommodations (housing & transportation) - NP rent is very high.

AT should run longer and on weekends.

Nugget theater should provide discount to grad students as well.

Activities, extra/co-curricular activities along with curricular issues along with some outreach programs I guess.

stipend, dental insurance, activities

All of these.

-dental & vision

Perhaps try to organize some more all grad student events.

Good/affordable housing seems very hard to come by in Hanover and the situation needs improvement. I looked into the graduate adviser program here and was wondering why it is only taking 3 new students for next year.

Also, more social events--not necessarily parties that Dartmouth pays for--are needed for graduate students. Dartmouth is a very undergraduate-focused place and while the undergrads have their fraternity parties to go to, graduate students have a couple of bars that most of them probably can't afford. Some sort of weekly social event would be great.

I feel like the grad students are not included in the greater Dartmouth community (And that to a certain extent they're not even considered "real" alumni). I don't know what to do to address that, but I feel like that needs some work.

Better housing options! Rent is too expensive in most of the Upper Valley. The few places that are affordable are often dilapidated or lack modern conveniences (like dish washers).

I'd like there to be a general Graduate Student Handbook that defines basic parameters each graduate program must abide by. This handbook would cover basics such as stipends (do you get paid while revising your dissertation?) to health care. Each program is different but there need to be basic guidelines so each department equally respects their graduate students.

Vitality

later AT transportation, vision/dental insurance

I think GSC should play a powerful role in helping to demonstrate the contribution that we make to the Dartmouth academic community. Obviously the main focus of the school is on undergraduate education, but I think the contribution of the graduate programs (particularly Arts and Sciences) to the undergraduate education and to the academic community in general is undervalued by the Dartmouth Administration.

Activities & extracurricular events
advance transit schedule
accommodations

I would like to see the GSC tackle dental and vision coverage as well as accommodation issues. Especially in this time of economic down turn we need to make sure that the students are still going to be able to afford the necessities in life.

Improved Health Care. I'd much rather see money spent on even a slight improvement in health/eye/dental care instead of yet another party that maybe half the grad students actually go to.

Daycare for graduate students with children, dental/vision insurance. Increased spending from the college will be hard to sell, but maybe they can hold biannual dental/vision clinics at low cost for grad students.

Career Services

more social interactions between departments and other graduate level schools like Tuck and Thayer and the Dartmouth Medical School.

- dental/eye inclusion into the healthcare
- increased career development opportunities

I like the topics covered in ADVOCACY. It would be especially helpful to have dental and vision coverage.... And, although it is not an issue for me, I know that many would benefit from child care resources, since most available places in the upper valley are extremely costly.

I have a domestic partner and wish to do things around campus with him, but find it difficult because he has to pay full price or is not welcome at events.

Additionally, I would like dental and eye insurance.

student partner benefits
offering a graduate student life that is competitive with other graduate programs

Dental coverage, housing, and more music

Housing, Healthcare (vision and dental)

Difference in salaries of graduate students of different departments. Grad students in Thayer or Computer Science get at least \$200 less than ppl. in cellular biology or other related fields.

More sports activity among grad students, we should have a league for various sports where all the grad schools (thayer, arts and science, medical school) compete.

- Accommodations (housing & transportation),
- Dental & Vision coverage
- Child Care
- Yearly Income

public transport after regular hours

Career services

Dental and Vision Coverage and child care

I'd like to see Advance Transit's hours expanded, and/or some sort of carpool network established among the grad students. Dental insurance coverage and more affordable graduate housing would also be nice.

- Dental & Vision coverage
- Activities & extracurricular

Getting dental/vision coverage in our health insurance.
Not getting screwed when renting from Dartmouth Real Estate.

Health insurance - poor quality, very high price, little coverage, especially for married students with families. We've already run into numerous things that aren't covered, and we're paying something like \$3000 a year for it. They wouldn't even cover a physical exam for my son.

Social programs

dental and vision coverage

Dental and Vision coverage

Wellness

Mentorship in academia

Yearly income

Married student representation in GSC discussions. Stipends and housing are a much bigger issue when a family is involved. For couples where one spouse stays home with the kid(s), or foreign students whose spouses can't work for visa reasons, these are very big issues, yet rarely discussed. If you think a stipend doesn't go that far for a single student, try living on that amount with a family. Also, affordable housing from the college. At current stipend levels, the rent for some of the college housing for married students amounts to 75% of their monthly income.

Housing -- affordable housing, particularly in Hanover, is nearly impossible to find, especially the type that grad students in their mid-twenties would actually want (like one- and two-bedroom apartments, primarily).

I wish there were more professional workshops; whether they be for career placement or continuing education.

Housing, Dental and Vision insurance

I think having dental and vision options for healthcare is an important issue where the GSC is in a unique position to be the grad student body's advocate.

I also think that getting more students involved in outreach to the community would be a top priority for me if I were GSC.

Dental & Vision coverage

Nothing I can think of....I'm pretty happy.

dental insurance, advanced transit transport times on weekends, better HOP shows, more student housing available

Issues related to Graduate Student Housing, transportation, stipends and acclimatizing new students at Dartmouth.

Having more stuff to do.

build community through community activities between departments / schools.

partner privileges - hop discounts, fitness, library
dental insurance
affordable housing for singles and families

Dental insurance

Better introduction to services available to graduate students at Dartmouth.

Insurance, yearly income

Much less on semi-formals and Valentine's Day! And more on what you are asking about here (nice work).

Dental and eye insurance

Dental & Vision coverage

affordable housing that is based on our stipends NOT on the area rental market prices!

health care

dental/vision insurance

graduate housing rent

Life after gradschool--career building, networking opportunities, etc. Bringing back as many previous grads as possible to discuss their career choices would be very helpful.

Volunteerism--can GSC organize more opportunities to help locally? The Christmas food drive was great. Could we have a competition like this once a month? How about a general "homework help desk" for local students (undergrads as well as local school kids) that we could volunteer for? This would benefit those of us who hope to go on to academic careers by providing tutoring experience, while also benefitting students who need a little extra help.

- improving advance transit schedule
- expansion of career service staff
- student awards/ grants
- specials at local restaurants, movie theater etc.
- vision and dental coverage

Dental and Vision Coverage

More things for married couples

The addition of dental and vision coverage would be excellent. Something not listed above that would help a lot would be access to 403(b) retirement plans. It would be nice to get an early start on retirement savings.

Dental care would be wonderful! Vision coverage would also be helpful.

YEARLY INCOME is certainly the most important issue, especially to ensure justice. In my Comparative Literature program, I am the only one of the seven students that has not received a fellowship (although first promised). While the other students are very well-funded, I am told to take on like three jobs per term, which, taken all together, can still not even cover my rent. Although I have perfect grades, I will not be given any financial support. My study conditions have been made much worse deliberately.

It is clear that financial means are limited. However, especially in the humanities, where "grants" are never given, fellowship money should be distributed equally among the students (which would still be enough to cover all the living expenses) or on the basis of achievement here at Dartmouth College. This policy is mere discrimination. Maybe an agreement can be achieved that forbids unequal or arbitrary distribution of fellowship money.

ACTIVITIES & EXTRACURRICULAR EVENTS

Graduate students should get the option to participate in undergraduate events as well. There is very much going on, but we don't even have the chance to get on blitzlists. While that is not everyone's wish, of course, those who are interested should have the opportunity. After all, this is only a small college!

I think health care for graduate students is the most issue to address.

health care. why does the health insurance exclude vision and dental insurance? eyes and teeth are as important as other organs! i think maybe some discounts could be offered at least if its extremely impossible to have 100% percent of treatment fees covered.

The fight for dental and vision insurance is pretty important and should be at the top of the list. I am currently very satisfied with the transportation system in the area, however, I do have a car so I am not inconvenienced by the bus schedule. I think there should be more extracurricular events and activities (the apple picking in

the Fall was a good idea and there should be more events like that). I am satisfied with my yearly income, however, I wouldn't mind getting paid more. I like the idea of lowering prices at the Nugget and getting student discounts at other places as well. Housing options within about a 1 mile radius from Dartmouth can be improved - there aren't too many affordable options. Also, there should be more housing options offered directly by Dartmouth because with so few places, a lot of people end up with very limited housing opportunities. Overall, I am pretty satisfied with the well-being of graduate life here, but there is always room for improvement.

dental/vision insurance

We need dental and optical; seeing and chewing my food are two of my favorite activities.

More low-key events for grad students throughout the term, as opposed to just a handful of "gala"-type events or semi-formal parties.

Discounts at the Nugget

Housing. PhD students need affordable housing close to campus . The lab timings vary and living on campus helps a lot.

Health & well-being

Activities & extracurricular events

Dental coverage please. As a student, I have to an incredible amount of money everytime I visit the dentist.

Dental coverage

Dental & Vision coverage

Helping graduate students balance life with school. I find the level of stress is much higher during the first year(s) when students' school work is predominantly focused on classes. Stress is significantly reduced as students transition into more research responsibilities. Helping the first-year students cope with the initial overwhelming workload may be helpful. Have a "First Year Survival Group" where new students can get together with third+ year students for empathy, advice, and a place to bitch and relieve some stress.

Novel ideas for more interaction among graduate students, since one of the greatest threats of getting a Dartmouth PhD is becoming a troglodyte - it's easy in this institution in the middle of the NH woods, and especially since graduate students in general are often intrinsically non-socially inclined (to varying degrees) already.

Particularly needed are a greater frequency of social events (funded or not) during January-May. I've witnessed that this the segment of the year when people in this area are most likely to get a bit down and not want to interact - its cold, muddy, not a lot of things going on, no fun holidays, etc... The exit from this hole of a time period is the first warm day of spring when people in the area can finally flock to the green and lay out in the sunshine, and think of the approaching summer. Still, rather than plod through Jan-May and wish that summer would come sooner, I think if there is a bigger allocation of social events in this period, it would greatly benefit the well-being of the graduate students.

Btw, this is including more of the great events that bridge between DMS and Tuck - great ideas and very successful.

Also, I know ya'll are working on it, but please, please find a way to get dental insurance, or at least try to develop a list of potential options for the non-insured graduate students here, such as a listing of cheap dental places in Boston, nearby dental schools for discount cleanings and minor dental work, etc, and post it somewhere on the GSC website or something.

And, convincing Advance Transit to have one more Hanover-DHMC bus at 8pm would be fantastic.

1. Dental coverage

2. Child care

dental insurance

more social events

Vision/Dental coverage

Dental and vision insurance

Activities and extracurricular events

Better transportation options for people who don't have cars or at least a car pool type website so students can connect with other students for rides within the upper valley & to other states

I would like to see improved housing options (cheaper and more plentiful) and some kind of dental care plan.

Dental & Vision coverage

Activities & extracurricular events

Finding cheap housing.

Help dealing with frustrating advisors or other departmental members.

More activities for grad students that are NOT dances and drinking. How about something fun like a hike, x-country skiing, ice skating, etc.

Increase in stipend based on increase in living costs.

While married graduate students with kids are not as common as single graduate students, I think this area is a somewhat tough environment for graduate students having a spouse and kid. I always wished that it would be great if we have some good family activities or event for married graduate students.

Dental and vision coverage is the biggest issue. Also, a list of recommended dentists and optometrists/ophthalmologists would be nice. It can be very painful and expensive to choose the wrong one, especially since we're choosing largely by up front cost for care. Expanding the transportation network, even if it means paying a nominal fee, is another issue. The stipend isn't bad, but it's not a princely sum either, and being able to save the monthly cost and maintenance on the car by taking the bus 7 days a week would be welcome. Finally, housing is ungodly expensive up here, especially for what's available. I'm not sure what the college can do other than offer a subsidy (which they won't anytime soon), or maybe a better list than the upper valley housing list. I've noticed a lot of bad landlords up here, so maybe keeping track of that would help also.

Using the categories above, Dental & Vision and Accommodations

Yearly Income.

More discounts to stores/restaurants in the general area. More activities for graduate students.

Housing.

I believe the most important issue to address is Dental coverage. It's unfortunate and should not be the case that graduate students do not get any dental coverage! Oral hygiene is a very important part of health, and by not giving graduate students any dental coverage, students' health is actually being compromised. Other than that, I think Yearly income is an important issue. Clearly, a higher salary makes it easier on all graduate students.

The key issues I'd like the GSC to advocate for are dental coverage, public transit in the evenings and on weekends, and generally getting the same services and benefits that are provided to Dartmouth undergraduates.

Opportunities to gather with other grad students - and you do this well already.

Of the 8 agendas listed: housing, outreach and curricular. Outreach in the form of orientation for new graduate students, especially in light of non-traditional enrollment start dates/patterns. Curricular, an emphasis on increasing opportunities for TAing for all disciplines.

An increase in stipend is always something that I would be interested in having the GSC concentrate their efforts on. If it's a choice between taking home more money at the end of the month and having lots of sponsored extracurricular activities that I may or may not participate in, I'm much more interested in the former.

I would like to have the option to purchase dental and vision coverage, so that I could decide if I wanted them based on my anticipated expenses and how much the insurance would be likely to save me. However, I would not like to see dental and vision coverage become mandatory for everyone to purchase. Some people do not want or need these types of coverage, and they shouldn't be forced to pay for them. We should be able to decide based on whether we think they are good deal.

Finally, about child care: I don't make very much money per year, and since I don't have any children, I would not be happy about having to pay for child care for other people. The money has to come from somewhere, and likely it would come from everyone's stipends. Having to pay for child care when I won't even be using that service would not be fair. If there is going to be a new Dartmouth or GSC-run childcare program, it should be based on user fees, not based on a fee levied on everyone.

activities and extracurricular events

I would like to see them advocating for a more inclusive health coverage (i.e. dental and vision).

TDI students are not included in most activities and do NOT have easy access to campus (financial aid, lectures, etc...)

Dental and vision coverage

housing and activities.

Yearly income

Activities

Dental and Vision

The lack of basic dental and vision should be among the first priorities. Given the typical timeline for a graduate degree, this is a substantial period of time to be uninsured in these two basic areas.

To a lesser extent, only because it impacts fewer students, the Dartmouth childcare rate for students is well beyond the means of graduate students.

I think the stipend is surprisingly low for engineering students.

Increased interaction between departments - not simply providing food/alcohol - actual activities? softball tournament? etc.

Graduate Student Housing

Dental/visual healthcare

more social functions

dental coverage

Vision and dental coverage would be very helpful (and higher stipends couldn't hurt)

Better Health Care. When I was a graduate student at state run University, we got the same health and dental coverage as the faculty and staff. Graduate students lifestyles are more like faculty than undergrads.

Although unlikely to occur, I think the entire academic environment that graduate students encounter should be different. It is ridiculous that less than 50% of students who enter a PhD program actually finish it. It isn't the student's fault, it is the academic environment. Here is a clip from:
<http://chronicle.com/jobs/news/2005/03/2005032401c.htm>

""depression and other forms of mental distress" were a serious problem in a study of more than 3,100 graduate students at the University of California at Berkeley. According to the study: "Nearly half of all survey respondents (45 percent) reported an emotional or stress-related problem that significantly impacted their academic performance or well-being." Another 67 percent reported feeling hopeless at times, 95 percent felt overwhelmed in graduate school, and 54 percent said they had felt so "depressed that it was difficult to function." About 10 percent had seriously considered suicide, and one in 200 had actually attempted suicide in the last year."

Happier students are more likely to finish and do well in the program. Can we collaborate with the faculty to try to fix this national problem by starting here at Dartmouth?

I think that accommodations, and yearly income are the first two things that the GSC should tackle

Insurance
Income

Entertainment

I am interested in Dental insurance and discount tickets to the Nugget!

Dental - Without insurance, I (and my family) tend to avoid going to the dentist for anything but a checkup. Insurance makes little sense to pay as an individual because of the hundreds of dollars lost per year in dental insurance. I could pay the dentist in cash for a lot less. Issues do arise when someone has a real dental problem. By that point you can't get insurance anyway because it is a pre-existing condition. Which means, for a root-canal as an example, one would have to fork out \$5000 alone. Dental insurance would be a nice addition.

Graduate student health insurance. I believe our health insurance is too expensive and the service they provide is just AWFUL! They barely have MDs at Dick's house and most of the clinicians are PAs. In addition, Dental and Vision coverage should be included in their services as well.

Parking

Providing means for meeting people / dating would be nice.

Integrating adult/professional grad students with traditional grad students is a struggle for any college but the disparity between these two groups is very noticeable here in the Upper Valley.

inter graduate student program social events

-A better subsidy on grad student housing

-Student discount at the HOP for spouses and not just students

Dental and vision coverage

better transportation around town, link the shuttle from campus/Dewey to Alumni Gym, A-lot and graduate housing on park street

Dental & vision Coverage

Transportation options for visitors/recruiting/etc.

Dental & Vision Coverage; Cheaper Graduate housing; shuttles to/from Dewey & Tuck on Sundays; shuttles to NYC

lack of dental insurance

lack of social activities between schools

Health insurance - I think there should be options for a dental and vision plan.

Parking - the parking on campus is ridiculous, there needs to be some sort of solution to improve campus life.

*Finding decent off-campus housing

*Forging connections with graduate students in other programs easily

Where do we go to drink?

Overall I am thrilled with my Dartmouth/Hanover experience and have only two petty items that I would most like to be addressed:

1. Parking. I know this is a college-wide issue, and I know it is a complicated one to solve. It is a privilege as a 2nd-year Tuck student to park in Ledyard, and I certainly recognize that this is better than many other options. That said, it is incredibly frustrating to have to go to/from Ledyard every time we have to leave campus. (On several days of the week this means I make this trek more than once due to various volunteer and other activities, and it is a complete waste of time.) Some sort of waiting space where you're allowed to park for one hour or less would be helpful.

2. Cardio machines at alumni gym: There are just not enough. It is frustrating to wait when trying to cram a workout into an already packed schedule. I have tried going at off-peak times, but even that doesn't seem to help. If we cannot get more machines, fixing the ones that are out of order would be a good start. Perhaps a better reservation system could help to.

Again, I know these are very minor, petty things. That said, were they to be addressed, they would certainly improve my quality of life.

Health insurance, which should be different for graduate students that may come with spouses and children. A pregnant spouse, for instance, receives substandard treatment (only one ultrasound during the entire pregnancy is one example).

Our health insurance is expensive, restrictive and terrible. There is very little affordable housing available within walking distance of campus.

Too many of the core professors at Tuck are young, inexperienced and ineffective.

It'd be nice if the Dartmouth greater community wouldn't refuse to rent out social space to Tuck students when we try to throw a social event. It's pretty ridiculous.

Health care is geared toward undergraduates, and the Dick's house staff is not always quite prepared to handle issues that come along with Grad Student life. My wife had to fill out an "incident" report to start her care at the beginning of her pregnancy. It is also a challenge to follow the rules regarding who pays for what, and conflicting information has been received from Dick's, the provider, and the billing company. We have also been forced to pay for treatments that were referred by Dick's or another provider that were not noted as referrals, and could not be changed for some reason despite qualifying as covered treatments to our understanding. More clarity around the coverage would be appreciated. The pamphlet we receive each year is not the best. Also, many of us do not begin work until later in the fall, and need only a month of bridge coverage after our current plan year expires. The only coverage that exists now is at 100+% of the current cost for a minimum of two months.

dental/vision insurance coverage

The Athletic Department is completely unwilling to grant space (indoor or outdoor) to Tuck sports clubs. This

has been going on for years and is frankly unacceptable (http://www.dartmouth.edu/~belinsky/club_sports.pdf). The Athletic Department claims it is a space issue, but when you see how much available time/space there is you realize it's really a management issue.

Dental and vision coverage would be great. While this may seem somewhat difficult, a list of recommended providers would be good too.

Social activities off campus that are not necessarily full day type activities. It is difficult to balance school, recruiting and relaxing, and hard to find time for full day getaways.

Dental & Vision, as it's currently missing

- Health care coverage thru the Dartmouth insurance program is extremely poor and disappointing for an institution of Dartmouth's stature. Premiums are 20x as high as I paid in either of my two jobs before coming to Tuck, and I still must pay 20% of all procedures out of pocket, which in my case has amounted to over \$6,000. Before coming to school, I budgeted very carefully, and this unexpected cost has been a severe hardship. The outfit Dartmouth has insurance through is a small group in Akron, OH, which doesn't even answer its own phones more than 1 in 10 times I've had to call.

- Parking in and around campus is a huge problem for Tuck students. Although we had a large new building just completed, it contains no incremental parking.

Parking

Dental coverage

Better health coverage

relationships between graduate programs

activities and extracurricular events- more social, non-alcoholic events on campus and in the upper valley.

I think the most pressing need for graduate students is the need for a dental insurance plan.

Find a better way to consolidate the social calendar so that it is easier for the graduate school students to mix.

Dental.

Tuck students are treated by the college administration like crap, to be frank. It is nearly impossible to reserve social or athletic space from college administration, despite our being full Dartmouth students.

Organizing a few campus wide mixer/networking events

Housing - high-quality, reasonable housing in Hanover for single people.

Dental Care, Advance transit scheduling

Accommodations - there is not enough graduate school housing on campus and I have found the graduate school housing office is completely unhelpful

activities & extracurricular

social activities for graduate students

also including graduate students in musical/art/sport/political events + benefits for undergraduates. (or at least advertising special events to graduate students as well, although we do tend to be off in our own little world)

For one, dental coverage would be great. I had a dental emergency over a year ago and, to my surprise, had to pay out of pocket because the student health plan apparently didn't cover it. If it means paying an extra \$100 each year for dental coverage, I think it's reasonable.

Secondly, the well-being of students (at least the medical students who work 80+ hours/wk), can be improved. Specifically, when medical students are on rotation there is often too little time to study on top of the clinical work, not to mention while also trying to get 8 hours of sleep each night, or beyond that, live a semi-balanced life. One suggestion I have is to adopt a policy that some other medical schools already have which is to require that at 5:00pm (or, for example, after 10 hours of clinical work per day), medical students are automatically excused from clinical duties to specifically allow for evening study-time. This is, of course, only for when a student is not on call for that evening. I feel very strongly that a guaranteed allowance for 2+ hours of studying each day (and the opportunity to finish all studying/work by 7 or 8pm for some balance in life) will not only "not" take away from the clinical education, but will actually greatly enhance the clinical experience. This is because allowance for study-time will give us the opportunity to significantly enhance our knowledge-base earlier on in each rotation which will then allow us to get much, much more out of the time that we're spending in clinic. I believe that daily allowance for study-time would allow medical students to ascend the steepest part of the learning curve more rapidly, so that by the end of the rotation, we'll not only have a stronger knowledge base, but we'll be able to focus more on the implementation of our established medical knowledge within clinic. This would of course come at the price of missing further clinical work after say 5pm, but that time only accounts for 10-20% of the clinical day and consumes what remaining energy (and time) we have to allocate to studying. When we're forced to study after 8pm, after we've already worked 12 hours, it's entirely unproductive and eliminates any chance of achieving balance in life by say going to the gym or spending a couple hours with significant others. While significant time in clinic is absolutely necessary to acquire the experience medical students need before graduation, we're also in the process of constructing a massive and absolutely essential knowledge-base, and 2+ hours of focused reading each day is far more efficient and effective in pursuit of this goal than 2+ extra clinical hours after already working 10 hours. Thank you for your consideration.

Wellness and dental care

I think dental coverage and better health insurance would be very important.

Dental and Vision insurance coverage or partial coverage

dental/vision

Vitality- making sure students are healthy, and continue to have good lifestyles while learning

Lower the cost of graduate housing

Dental & vision; activities & extracurricular events.

Activities, Social Life/Gatherings

There is no perceived link between the grad schools at this moment, even the few mixers seem to do little to help people get to know each other. Maybe there could be more programs that involve all grad schools (sports?)

- Dental & Vision coverage

Housing, dental, mental health service access

better medical coverage

I would like to see more community service events opportunities and maybe some things that are more conducive for the public health students. Better communication maybe? I appreciate the work that you all are already doing. Keep up the great work!

Funding/scholarships would be nice for some of us who would like to go to more conferences etc.

I wish there was cheaper housing around Dartmouth and the medical center

Housing that is available in line with when things in Hanover start to fill up (ie. Feb-March)

stop charging me \$50 a year for crap

Light pollution and poor lighting around green and around campus: it is the quality and not quantity.
cross walk markings and lighting.

-As a parent it is difficult to identify and connect with other graduate students with children.

-Dental & Vision Coverage.

Dental and Vision Coverage

Activities and Extracurricular events that are diverse in their engagement of participants

I am happy with student life as a grad student at Tuck

Activities and extracurricular events and accommodations

Dental/Vision

Graduate students are often treated like second-class citizens by the college. I don't think it is fair that we have to pay to watch Dartmouth (basketball) sports teams play. And our graduate sports clubs are not given any access to facilities. This makes it hard to engender any strong feelings toward the college as a whole.

Dental and vision coverage would be great.

Next in line would be affordable housing, improved transportation, increased income, and child care.

Dental coverage.

Better health insurance. Our plan is really bad, especially for future doctors.

Locating reasonably-priced childcare was my number one problem when I moved to the Upper Valley, so this would be at the top of my list.

Dental/vision insurance is something I would really like to see, although with things the way they are economically, I don't expect any cooperation with the college in this area anytime soon. Maybe Dartmouth could come up with an alternative and find a way to host biannual dental clinic for grad students?

Curricular - MALS offers concentration options and then does not offer courses that enable a student to meet the requirements for those criteria

One not on your list - COMMUNICATION. It seems like unwritten rules pop up without warning. They aren't documented anywhere, but they're enforced (# of terms a student can work on a thesis and be enrolled - this one cost me thousands of dollars when it "popped up" and altered my enrollment status).

stress management issues

Dental insurance

Mixing of different graduate schools

dental & vision coverage

B. Do you have any suggestions for improving childcare services at Dartmouth?

Sending children to the day care center is far over the budget with the monthly stipend. Also, graduate students are not eligible to send their children to the Dartmouth College Child Care Center as far as I know. So, it would be great if different fee would be applied to the graduate student having children and make it possible for them to send their children to the DCCCC.

A Dartmouth preschool option would be great. My wife and I applied to 5 preschools in the area and so far are only waitlisted at 3. Dartmouth could competitively price the service. It's the lack of availability that is the real problem.

Advertise the DCCCC better.

also make Dartmouth ID available to all dependants under age 24 living in household, under our care, financial dependants.

Create a babysitting club, where parents can help other parents in babysitting.

Eligibility to use the child care services at DHMC would be a great benefit.

Finding consistent childcare is pretty tough, I wish that the daycare that Dartmouth operated had pre-registered drop-ins or more part-time options. It seems like few daycares (including the DCCCC) want part-time children, I don't have the money to pay for full time, and the few daycares/preschools that do offer part time care do not offer the childcare services on days that coincide with my schedule or have extremely long wait lists.

Free childcare.

Get them the access to the same facilities that faculty/staff have access to.

give a reasonable parental leave. 3 months total for husband and wife (to divide how they wish) is not enough. at the very least we should each get 3 months.

Give graduate students access to the same services Dartmouth employees enjoy for child care.

Graduate student have no childcare services at Dartmouth. I understand the number of faculty/staff children already exceeds what the Dartmouth daycare is capable of taking care of, but I don't think that justifies leaving grad students out. Even if nothing can be done to get the children of grad student accepted to the Dartmouth childcare facility, there should be some point of contact who can give us information about alternative childcare. For example, we can make a budget and turn it into the Financial Aid office in order to qualify for Stafford loans on top of our stipend, and childcare is a qualifying expense for a loan. But, I didn't know this for a long time!

Honestly, I don't want to pay for anything of this nature. It is a personal choice to procreate at all--especially while still in school. The life of a graduate student may require longer working hours but life is also more flexible. Rarely do graduate students work 'normal hours' and our stipend is already competitive.

I am an international student. When I arrived, primary source of information regarding child care was from other students. There could be a more thorough information package. DCCCC was not available to us - at least that is what I was told. I was surprised that, given the high number of Tuck students with children, there is no "partnering" child care center. I would think there is demand...

I don't anticipate that professors would be more understanding of child care issues, but really, the problems I've seen come up include being able to get time during daytime hours to take kids to the doctors, attend parent-teacher conferences without feeling as if it will negatively affect your evaluations. If we were holding a job, the emergencies would be accepted, but as a student, expectations seem to run higher.

I don't have children but I would like to see child care availability for graduate students. It is very hard for faculty, let alone graduate students to get their children enrolled into the limited spots in Dartmouth daycare and additional

financial support or increased availability through Dartmouth would be helpful for those who need it.

I don't think there is any childcare services and if there are, they don't appear to be available to grad students. Having good child care available at all would be a great first step

I don't use the service.

I think there are bigger issues like Dental Insurance!!! That affect all grad students, not just those who have children

Make child care available to grad students at DCCCC or a nearby place at a lower rate.

Make it actually affordable (DCCC). Currently a grad student cannot afford it on his salary and spouses of international students cannot work.

Making them available to grad students would be a start.

more grad student events that are children/family friendly

not yet, but i do plan on starting a family while at dartmouth.

Solicit babysitting from Dartmouth (Undergrad) Students or members of other grad students' families.

Start a system for undergrads et al to babysit for graduate students. Have it be online with a calendar of availability and ratings like yelp.

students should have the right to apply to any Dartmouth-related child care

The DCCCC needs to be significantly less expensive.

Some schools support daycare by partially staffing it with students interested in child development for course credit.

There should be low-cost childcare available at Dartmouth.

We don't use them. My wife has stopped working to care for our daughter.

while onsite day care would be nice, I don't think it makes sense for the college to provide it. affiliations with or a list of private local day care providers would be helpful, however.

C. Do you have any suggestions for improving housing services at Dartmouth?

- Had there been an option for Tuck students to live on campus as second-years, I would have taken it
- Dartmouth website for external rentals has good information but the search format is difficult - you have to choose between apartment or condo, you can't put both, etc.

-More graduate student housing that is not apartments...more like multi-family homes or something like that

-More on campus graduate housing at lower price

-On campus housing for married students

2nd years should have on-campus housing opportunities at Tuck.

Parking situation should be improved for housing in or near town; this would help facilitate interaction and visiting between students who live in congested areas.

800 per month for north park is outrageous, especially since last year the rent was 650, and we were given 48 hours to respond whether we want the housing or not - i was forced to take it, even though i thought it would be 700, not 800 - but i was out of the country so i could not really get a different apartment. i am still very, very angry about that, and so are many people at north park.

A better quality list, a ratings list for properties/landlords.

affordable housing would be great!

Convince Dartmouth to build more new constructions close to campus and subsidize the costs so that they are affordable to graduate students. There need to be more 1-bedroom apartments that are affordable. Most adults don't want to have to live with roommates (other than spouses).

Curbside garbage and recycling at Sachem.

Dartmouth housing is too expensive and chance to get the housing is limited.

Dartmouth housing needs to be subsidized for grad students and be specifically geared for grad students and couples/families

Dartmouth should help students find decent housing. My housing situation is awful. The heat is frequently out, too many people live in the house (it is very small anyway), and it is a filthy mess. I think my academics would improve if my living situation did. I wasn't able to be in Hanover when I set up my living situation for this year so I am looking forward to finding a better place to live beginning this summer.

decrease the rent, and put a change machine in the laundry room.

Don't increase the rent if we don't get a cost of living increase in our stipends.

For married students, there are some affordable options in Sachem Village, but they are quickly demolishing them, and building new units with almost two times the rent. They need to keep these affordable options by leaving the cheaper units and making their newer units more affordable. This could be accomplished by freezing the prices on the new units for several years rather than raising the rent by \$50 every year.

Have more on campus housing for graduate students at affordable rates

Have the housing office call you back and actually be understanding of the situation you're in

Housing programs takes little feedback on from students before taking making decisions. Making students a part of that decision making process would be great.

My experience with Sachem has been a string of poorly conceived decisions that don't help students who stay for a long time. Here are a few examples:

Sachem replaced older 1 bedroom apartments with newer 2-3 bedroom apartments. The rent went from \$600 p.m. to \$1400 p.m. How many students earning around \$2000 per month can afford it? It's cheaper to buy a house and pay installments if you can get a loan. You can always sell it at the end of your stay.

There was free internet that was discontinued. Mail was delivered to the door (like everywhere else in West Lebanon), but now we need to go to the community center to collect it (in the winter). In the name of efficiency the entire Sachem village has one recycle bin, as opposed to several that were around before.

Here is the worst part: The residents were never consulted, before any of these decisions were taken.

In general, there are very few affordable houses closer to college. Especially, smaller one-bedroom apartments for people who are either married or want to stay alone. More (not necessarily new ones) such affordable apartments would be at the top of my wish list.

Housing provided by Dartmouth is too expensive. Granted it's close to college, but if you own a car, and have the option of looking elsewhere, most people tend to look outside.

Housing office seems very inefficient in making assignments. Almost every time I've been there, they do not answer questions directly or give vague dates and times.

Again, I cannot stress the overpriced nature of Dartmouth housing. We are graduate students on a stipend. We do not take home even \$2000. If you want to provide subsidized housing, you cannot price apartments at \$900 with no utilities!!

Housing services should provide cable TV and Internet for students.

Housing should be subsidized for graduate students. I realize that Sachem Village is also shared with faculty and staff, but in that case there should be alternative housing for graduate families that's appropriate for our income.

I am not making ends meet. Your last financial question is poorly worded. "It's too much" could indicate I have too many bills as I assumed it did or I have too much money.

House for two that is available for 50% of a student's stipend total is needed with walking / bus service to the school. Sachem rates increased and availability of places which allowed pets decreased so we had to move 20 miles away from school.

I am not that bad off because of the GA program, but that's only 9 positions total. Having to leave it would really put a strain on my finances. Rent in Hanover is severely over-inflated, at the very least, Dartmouth Housing should charge more realistic rentals.

I applied for Dartmouth housing, but it was not offered to me, so I had to live off campus (18 miles away since Hanover is so expensive).

So I can't really comment on this.

More housing might be nice though.

I chose not to live on campus because I wanted to have access to a kitchen and to avoid having to park in Dewey.

I chose to make my own arrangements - Dartmouth isn't responsible for my situation.

I don't understand why school housing which is supposed to be helpful for student life is more expensive than the non-school housings in Hanover that are already expensive compared to other areas....

I forgot to add in the last section for income, that I have income from two rental properties that I own out of state.

I have never been involved with Dartmouth housing so I have no suggestions.

I only wish there were more places available at reasonable rates. Though our stipends compare to other places, the rent is much more expensive.

I realize that Hanover is a bizarre housing bubble, so it's not the college's fault. However, spending more in rent on a crappy apartment than I spent on a mortgage in one of the 5 largest American cities is borderline insane.

I think that Dartmouth should have more competitive rent with companies in and outside Hanover. They know how much the average student is making on the fellowship, so charging more than they can afford is disheartening.

I think the housing provided by Dartmouth is really overpriced. Paying \$600 for a room and 1/2 of a bathroom is unreasonable.

I was furious when the Real Estate Office dared offering me, as an International one-year graduate student, an unfurnished studio in Sachem Village for \$ 1,000, utilities not included. What do those people think?

I was recently a BE at Thayer and was quite annoyed at being kicked out of undergrad housing. That showed poor planning on the part of whoever was responsible.

I wish the rent was little cheaper.

I would love if they had a FREE service for landlords or rental services (or at least FREE for landlords that are Dartmouth students posting housing), as it is \$50/month to pay for that advertising!

I would love to live within walking/biking distance, but rent in these areas tends to be unaffordable.

I've lived here for 10 years. Not much is going to change about the housing around here because the problems are cultural. This is an expensive place to live, and always has been. Unless you find a way around the expensive taxes and teachers unions that drive up the tax costs every year, there isn't much hope of decreasing rental or mortgage costs. That's why so many DC and DHMC workers live an hour or more away. Any closer, the real estate costs and competition for rental housing is too great.

If there is a way to reduce the rent in N. Park by a little bit that would be great. For housing in the middle of Hanover, with included utilities and maintenance, it isn't a bad deal, but there isn't a less-expensive Dartmouth-provided option either. For those coming in for their first year from a long ways off, arranging rent with someone outside of Dartmouth can be problematic, but N. Park consumes almost half of a PhD student's paycheck.

Improved snow removal. Roads and sidewalks are plowed, but parking spots are not. A/C window units should be allowed.

in sachem village, I am surprised that internet, phone, TV is not offered through the housing office - would seem logical to offer some kind of package through Dartmouth as the infrastructure seems to be there...

Include parking for free in the cost of rent at the Main and South Street apartments.

Include wireless Internet within Sachem Village because Comcast is priced at a ridiculously high level. Also, improve snow removal in the village and/or assign parking spots so that residents have ownership over the spots they have shoveled out.

It seems that the housing supplied by Dartmouth (ie. North Park) is VERY expensive, compared to finding an apartment from a local landlord. This seems unfair when the people who are most likely to arrange to live on campus do so because they are coming from distant countries or very far away and choose this option because it is all they can really do from such a distance....

It would be good to have more of affordable college housing.

It would be helpful if there was a more affordable housing option.

it would be nice if graduate housing did not have such a long waiting list. maybe having more buildings, even outside of hanover, with transportation provided, so people can have an option of getting housing through Dartmouth

landlord ratings

letting graduate students live in north park for more than their first year

Letting people stay in North Park after 1st year.

Living alone anywhere remotely close to campus has become almost unaffordable, and without an increase in stipends, the margin of comfort beyond what is already taken out of a paycheck every month is becoming precariously thin. Living here is unreasonably expensive, especially considering what one actually gets per dollar. College-owned properties are usually much nicer and, although sometimes seemingly expensive, but the situations aren't ideal (say, 3 or 4 people all living in the same apt.). My suggestion would be for the college to build and subsidize more (perhaps simpler) grad student housing for people who don't wish to live with others.

LOTS MORE on campus/hanover housing--at a reasonable price--would be AWESOME!! I really wanted to live in Hanover my first two years of medical school but it was just way too expensive--typically \$800 to have 2/+ roommates!

Lower cost - it costs more for a single room in an apartment than it does to rent your own apartment!

Make housing available to all grad students through the college that is affordable and within walking distance of campus.

make housing decisions sooner as apartments fill before we hear back from Dartmouth

MAKE HOUSING OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WITH PETS!!!!

Lower rent. there is NO WAY students should be paying so much in rent to live at North Park. It's outrageously priced!!

Make it available to "all" DMS students.

Make it cheaper.
Clean our houses.

make it fair. make Dartmouth Safety & Security monitor activities of housing office.

Make it more affordable for graduate students instead of a source of income for the College.

Make more available for non married people - have some closer to the hospital.

Make more housing available to single students past their first year.

make the housing people easier to work with. offer more housing to graduate students that are not necessarily married or international.

More affordable housing should be made available to graduate students within close proximity to campus

More affordable units. And more units in general--the housing lottery feels a little like the real lottery

More availability and accessibility.

More available, cheaper cost of living housing.

More graduate student housing! It's very difficult to get into what graduate housing there is now -- there's a much higher demand than there is supply.

More housing and better resources to find affordable housing near Dartmouth, especially for those of us coming from far

more housing options from dartmouth would be highly appreciated

More information about the variety/availability of housing available to graduate students, particularly something taking into account the variables of families, pets and travel more common in graduate life than in undergraduate.

More nice grad student housing that includes utilities and parking spaces. (I like the ones in Hanover in town, but they are pricey)

more off campus housing

more on campus housing for cheeeap

More options off campus but still nice housing for larger groups at a fair price.

More options on housing would be a great start. The single-student apartments are currently treated a lot like dormitories. It would be really nice to have on-campus or near-to-campus housing for married students as well.

More pet friendly student housing. I have a very well behaved dog, and a significant other who is also a student. We had to live off campus because there was not anything available that would allow us to keep our pet, but we really miss out on the ease and community life of student housing.

More pet friendly units in sachem. Better transportation options to and from campus for sachem and other dartmouth properties.

More positions should be available for graduate students as Resident Advisers or Affinity House Resident Advisers.

More subsidy so I can afford grad student housing rates

New grad students should be directed to Upper Valley Rental List in their acceptance letters. It's important to start looking for a place as soon as possible.

No. Hanover in general is too expensive. There is nothing much you can do about it. It would be nice to actually hear back from the housing office though after you have sent in an application. I have applied the past 3 years and I've heard nothing back!

North Park charges way too much. The rent skyrocketed \$250 from last year- we pay too much for average housing.

North Park is surprisingly expensive, much more expensive than it was last year.

north park should not be closed for 3 month during summer
college housing should be on the cheap side of renting options, this is the case for south street and sachem (sort of) but definitely not for north park (it used to be)

Not charge \$800 for Northpark - that's ridiculous and is going to discourage people from coming to Dartmouth as grad students - i don't care that it's supposedly the going rate for apartments in Hanover (which for a 4 bedroom apartment 800x4=3200 for the entire apartment and that's clearly way over priced) - those are Dartmouth owned buildings and should be subsidized for grad students.

not really - it's hard to imagine a situation that would make me want to live on campus. I like separating life from school.

NP housing is way too expensive!

Old sachem could use dish washers on Field road.

On campus housing for single grad students would be nice. Tuck's get to stay on campus it would be nice for the other schools so everyone doesn't scatter.

One bedroom apartments at Sachem have no inside storage space. Also, if you want a washer and dryer, you have to buy a custom set for \$1200, because they built the space too small.

Online listing of houses/rentals available....

please be a bit more student-oriented. right now, i feel like Dartmouth Housing only cares about the well-being of 1st years, couples, and visiting scientists. as for students who fall outside of those categories, it's tough luck on finding housing for them.

Plow the parking spaces more often - the snow turns to ice and stays for weeks/months.

private information kept confidential

provide more housing room for graduate student at a fair price

Reduce rent. Feel like we're being wrangled out of every penny in these recession times

Reduce the cost of North Park, more people would want to live there. 800 a month to share apartments with thin walls is absurd.

Rent control. There's a turnover of renters every 1-3 years anyway, so why not jack up the rent only between tenants, instead of during a tenants continued stay?

Rent is too expensive! It's ridiculous that the rent at North Park increased so much between 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.

Run Sachem lottery sooner. We could not wait for housing decision in either of our two years here, so we had to go off campus.

Sachem's housing service is getting more expensive yearly, they are removing heat inclusion from the rent, and they do not plow parking spots. Next year, it will no longer be a good deal since I'll be paying more and getting less. I also do not need such a big apartment, but I could not find a smaller one for a reasonable price.

Sending housing info to students before they arrive would be particularly helpful/.When I first arrived, I felt a little lost for housing. I relied on other grad students in my program to find a place to live. I think there could be more resources besides the Dartmouth housing and Upper Valley sites.

Stop raising rent prices!!!

Subsidize more so rent is less

The affordable housing seems to have been eliminated. Sachem village costs are outrageous.

The cost of living on campus is extremely high especially for international students who don't get a stipend. This is because if we are supported by our parents, then they need to pay a lot more as a result of the conversion rate.

The Dartmouth housing is ridiculously expensive! If Dartmouth were more reasonable, it would actually decrease the standard rental rates around the whole area.

The graduate student housing on North Park St seems outrageously overpriced. (I wouldn't live there for that reason, but I know dozens of people who do, and they also feel it is overpriced in general)

The housing at Dartmouth is way too expensive -- better accommodations at lower prices are easy to find elsewhere.

The housing facilities are very good but I find the rent to be very high, this can probably be reduced

The housing offered by Dartmouth is overpriced.

The housing services can obviously be made cheaper. I don't understand why the Dartmouth real estate has to be an independent entity that charges rents based on market rates. The whole point of college housing is to provide affordable housing - that is not compatible with an idea of making profits as the real estate dept. seems to want to do.

The new houses at Sachem Village are not constructed properly, even though they look good. It seems that there are no sound isolators and the roofs are not well build, so small animals such as rats and mice can get into the space between walls, and make a lot of noise at night. I also believe the housing office does not provide a good service to the tenants. I have requested them to help us get rid of all these noises, but... no progress!

The South street apartments are so expensive, only students with previous incomes can afford them. Medical Student who live on loans cannot afford these places. I would recommend making these apartments affordable to all graduate students, not just the wealthy ones

There are not enough reasonably priced apartments for graduate students. Our stipends do not provide enough income to cover the high cost of rentals in and around Hanover.

There could be better garbage disposal facilities in sachem and snow removal to include the parking lots.

There needs to be some sort of subsidy for housing. Housing in the Upper Valley is entirely too expensive for our current pay rate. Dartmouth-owned housing is ridiculously expensive for what you get, and non Dartmouth-owned housing is either cheap and barely livable, or expensive.

There should be more housing on campus that is also more affordable. I think that the rent I am currently paying (\$800/month) is ridiculous, and would be happy to move into an on campus double for \$600/month. But also having singles in the \$800 range would be good and having doubles/triples and quads available for cheaper would be great.

There should be more options offered by Dartmouth to accommodate people that want to live close to campus.

There should be more options. There isn't enough housing.

Very expensive to live in the vicinity of Hanover, and North Park is wayyy too expensive.

We bought a place. If the on campus married housing had been nice when we moved here, we probably would have gone with that.

we need dental/vision insurance

Would have been nice to know that housing was truly an option for first year. The letter we got made it sound like on-campus housing was impossible to get unless you were an international student. I ended up being happy where I landed, but it was stressful to have to find an apartment without being able to visit the town again before I moved.

Yeah, less expensive housing would be great. I'm paying less rent for an apartment in Hanover than I would have paid for Northpark. My program offers no stipend to cover housing costs.

Yeah, the housing office are slumlords. The fix-it guys are really cool, but the office people are complete assholes. They tend to lie about stuff and just assume you are too busy to follow-up on it. It's tolerable if you're only here for two years, but since I've been here for 5 years, it gets annoying when you know these morons are just making stuff up.

I hope a lot of them got laid off. Unfortunately, the head of the office is alumni, so I guess he's not accountable for anything.

Yes, allow pet friendly units in Sachem.

D. Do you have any suggestions for improving transportation services at Dartmouth?

- Advance Transit is a joke. I always see the buses driving around empty, but when I'm stuck parked in Dewey trying to get back to campus, there are none to be found. If it were up to me, I'd end this program and use the funds to cut tuition - let students decide for themselves the most efficient transport option.

A nightly bus would decrease the chances of people driving drunk since there is no other way to get home (the taxi service is unreliable)

A parking lot closer to the college would be great. Longer AT hours and service on the weekends would be great, too.

adjust schedule for class times, ie buses that arrive in Hanover at 8:30am, 9:45am, etc, f.e. green line has a bus that gets to Hanover at 7:30am and 9:00am nothing in between

Advance transit was useful at Sagem, but now living in Renihan Mdws and not so convenient. A closer stop (so we can avoid intersection near Alice Peck Day) would be very useful. Later hours and weekend operation would greatly increase our use of AT.

An AT line to Lyme would be fantastic.

An AT service to the Lyme country store

AT just really isn't a viable option, either for commuting, or getting from place to place for me - the hours greatly restrict when/where you can take it - getting home would be a major concern.

AT Line to Thetford/Lyme that stopped at the Park & Ride off of Exit 14.

AT: Clearer markings of bus stops with stop names (including on the Website).

Later service on weeknights out of Hanover (to Lebanon)

Limited weekend service (at least Sat.)

better parking

Better website, more consistent schedules! The downtown shuttle needs to run later and stop by the ledyard lot After 7pm half hour bus intervals to dewey, downtown, and the gym would be great.

Can't use AT for 2 years for medical school while working at the hospital because they don't often start enough, and more importantly they don't run late enough. I only use it when I know I have an 8-5 schedule.

definitely people need bus on weekend!

Expand the lines, expand the times served. Throw in another bus or two to cut down the time from Hanover to Lebanon.

Extend Advanced transit services past 6pm. This is the only thing that prevents me from taking AT every day!!! Even if they offered one bus per hour that would be a huge help!!

Extend hours of service. I would most definitely take the Advance Transit if it operated to West Lebanon beyond 5:30P.M.

Also, weekend buses would make a huge difference to those of us who wish to travel to the hospital or to the plazas. Or simply downtown on a cold snowy/rainy day

Get buses to run at all times of day.

get the advance transit to stop at centerra (maybe the blue line could stop at the coop?)! the shuttle from the hospital to centerra is slow and unreliable.

Have the buses come closer to high population areas for students and employees. I live in a condo complex with many travelling to campus and the hospital, but the bus stop is too far to walk when it is dark and cold.

Having some sort of tracking system for the buses so you know where they are at. Like a website, or text system. So you know you won't be standing out in the cold for 20 minutes.

I don't live in Sachem Village. The advanced transit for me, would be perfect if it ran on Saturdays and ran slightly later during the week. Sometimes it is such a scramble to catch the last bus and if I miss it, which does happen infrequently, I have to walk 3-4 miles.

I have always wished the buses ran on the weekends, since that is when I am free to go anywhere. Although I have been very happy with AT otherwise.

I know it would be very costly, but one of the reasons I rarely use advance transit is because if I miss a bus I either have to wait an hour for the next one, or I have to catch a taxi/friend ride home! It makes it difficult to plan the day, especially when the last bus is at 5:30. It just doesn't make sense to take it if I'm not CERTAIN I'm going to be out by 5:30. 3/4 of the time I take the bus here, I end up having to hitch a ride home with a friend.

I live in Sachem: I personally view higher frequency (or at least times that are better aligned with class starting time in the morning) of service more important than a closer bus stop.

I think if the bus stopped at Sachem Circle, the time to travel will increase for everyone who don't live in Sachem. I think for people who live in sachem a shuttle matching bus timing might help.

The bus to West Lebanon is once every hour. I think once every half-hour would help.

Also, if it is expensive to run several shifts at night, one last bus at 8 after the current last one would help a lot.

Same is true for weekend- 2 buses in the morning and 2 at night will make a huge difference. Also I don't mind spending \$30 a month for Advance Transit if it extends its timing.

I think some kind of very late night transportation (10-2AM) would provide safe transport for students.

I think the system is very strong - you can't make everyone happy 100% of the time

I think they're fine as they are. They are a lot more than can be said for similarly-sized campuses, for free. If people want them to be more accessible/run better times/more locations, they should then be willing to pay for the privilege. For a free service, the current transportation is more than enough.

I thought there were going to be zip cars on campus... did that ever happen? I know lots of international grad students who would really appreciate having them.

I would definitely use a bus if it were closer to the village at Sachem. The long walk from my apartment to the road is the number one reason why I don't use it. I often have a heavy bag with me, plus it is a miserable walk in the cold. If it were closer, I would use it every day and save a lot of gas money.

I would like to see a carpooling network set up, both for daily commutes and for longer trips (eg, New York, Boston, Montreal, the outlet malls, etc.) If the Advance Transit lines offered even one or two runs between 8 and 11 PM that would be very helpful. I would be happy to pay for such a service.

I would take AT more frequently but find that I need to be on campus later than the last bus departs. If the schedule extended into the evening I would use the bus more frequently.

I would use Advance Transit much more if they ran later, on weekends, and more extensively in the Upper Valley area. As it is, I don't have a car but hardly ever use Advance Transit because the closest bus stop is half way between my office and my house, and even then the bus is only slightly faster than walking the rest of the way. Instead of

expanding the Advance Transit system, though, it might be better to try to expand the number of Zipcars and Zipcar stations in the area so that ZipCars from Hanover could be dropped off in Lebanon or West Lebanon for those who need to get home or to school during Advance Transit's off-hours.

If Advanced Transit route went by my house I would use it. However, it would probably be out of the way and too rural.

If Advance transit had communication with DHMC shuttles into Centerra.

If there was a bus stop at Sachem Circle and the buses ran later in the day, I would take the bus to Dartmouth everyday.

if they can increase the operate time, that would make our life easier.

Increase frequency of shuttle to/from Sachem and move bus stop to Sachem circle! That would eliminate the need to drive to campus, save gas money and improve the environment!

Indoor secure storage facilities for bicycles.

More shower facilities at buildings vs the gym.

Pick up service for if you need to drop your car off to get fixed that can be scheduled in advance.

I recognize that it would be unrealistic for the bus to stop near my house but I appreciated it when it was at Sachem. However I wish it stopped every 15 min there like it does at the hospital instead of every half hour. As it was, if I missed it, it was just as fast to walk to school. Since it is college housing later and more frequent stops to Sachem seem to make sense (if Sachem was priced so that A.S. graduate students could actually live there.)

It would be fantastic if there were at least one late night bus back to Lebanon on the Blue Line. it could be at, say, 10 or 11 PM, in order to accommodate any evening engagements (yoga classes, evening work at the library, etc). During the summer, when it is light out late, I bike to school every day. But once the fall began, I had commitments on campus till 6 or so, and the 6:16 bus is cutting it too close to rely on, because if I miss it I can't get home. If there was one bus at 10 PM, it would still get people home at a reasonable hour, but would also allow us some flexibility if we had a class, lecture, or professional commitment till around 6 PM. Almost every day I am on campus, I have something to do around 6 or 7 PM.

It would be great if the Stagecoach line to Randolph had some later options. My wife and I were both commuting on Stagecoach until last fall, when she got a job that requires her to be at work until 5:30. That is too late for her to make it back to DHMC in time for the last Stagecoach bus to Randolph, so we are back to driving in together every day.

It would be nice if Advance Transit went further away from Hanover/Norwich town centers, but I can see how that might not be fiscally possible for them.

Late evening Advance Transit operation on the weekends (specifically Friday + Saturday) would be a great boon to the night life.

Later bus lines to West Lebanon. I have class and TA duties well into the night and cannot make the 5:45pm bus to West Lebanon to get home.

Later buses would be very beneficial since presently the last buses are at 6pm which is very early. Weekend bus service would be great since that's when you have the time to get your shopping done

later evening and weekend hours would be more convenient if I lived in the service area

Later hours of service would be great. Being a graduate student requires being in lab at irregular hours, so not knowing if I'm going to be done with a prep on time to take the bus makes me take it a lot less often.

leaving DHMC after 5:30 pm would be nice
weekend service to DHMC would also help

Link the Advance transit to park street apartments, A-lot and Alumni Gym. If these routes exist make it easier to figure out that they do.

make sure Hanover Police stops and tickets Vermont drivers who make a right turn on walk signal.

maybe the orange route could be more tied to the amtrak and greyhound departures? say, later service, because the amtrak gets to WRJ too late to catch the bus.

also, weekend transportation to the greyhound bus station would really help, as most people travel on the weekends.

more frequent would be nice - sucks to miss the bus then have to wait 1/2 hour or more, also - hospital stuff is much earlier and much later than what the bus schedule runs.

More regular service i.e. twice an hour instead of once

most grads in science work much later than last bus. Also, bus is still not convenient or safe to walk from my house ~1.5mi much of which lacks sidewalks.

Mostly if there were even one late run so that I could get home after the 8 pm, I would ride the buses more. Sometimes I take my bike to work on the bus, then ride home when I am done, > 6 pm

My primary use of Advance transit would be to get from the Tuck campus to Dewey parking lot. Right now, they don't run at all during the times I would go to pick my car up from Dewey - which would be on weekday evenings (4-8pm) or during the day on weekends.

Also, i never have any idea what the schedule is - how frequently the buses run or when the next bus will arrive. It's possible that it's posted and I just haven't seen it.

No, except for the need for a bike lane on 10A (the extension of W.Wheelock into VT) between Hanover and Norwich, but that's not really up to Dartmouth.

offer later pick-up and drop-off times

people need to learn to just walk. It's not that far.

Plot where the bulk of students live and see if the bus lines operate in a manner that it would be easier to ride than walk or drive.

Posting Advance Transit schedules in more places - not posted at TDI or DHMC, posting it at local businesses (coffee shops) in a prominent place would help too!

Provide more frequent transportation into west lebanon and on weekends

publicize them more and people will use them

Route between Etna and DHMC

Run a little later. 545 is the last bus to get home and class runs until 6. It's a pain b/c I have to drive b/c the bus leaves 15 min too early. Also, not everyone is done working by 545 each day, especially grad students

Runs on weekends would be great.

Shift AT hours to later in the day. There are likely few riders at 6am vs numbers at 8pm

Shuttles later into the evening (ie 8 pm) would be good in the winter when it's very cold.

Some of the drivers are very unfriendly and ruin your life from a very early morning when they pick you up!

Stagecoach services the town nearest to me, but it would increase my commute 50% and be inflexible and cost more.

Teach the undergrads how to use crosswalks. And look before they cross.

The Advance Transit system is wonderful. I only wish the buses ran later at night (particularly the Green Line - it last leaves the school at 5:25pm).

The buses could operate on weekends and also late in the night

The college does not support reimbursement for Connecticut River Transit costs for part time students. This is a cost of \$100 a month. I use this bus everyday to commute to TDI and DHMC from Hartland.

the every 15 minute service should be extended to include 7am to 6 pm

The odd switch of the Dartmouth shuttle during the day is inconvenient. Plus, it always goes in the opposite direction I need. In the am, I need to go from Tuck to Vail and in the PM Vail to Tuck- the routes do the opposite. Even 2 shuttles at the beginning and end of the days doing the opposite of what they do now would be a great help.

The only thing I can think of to help me is a route out to the center of Lyme.

The orange bus should come to Sachem more than once an hour- even twice an hour would be great!

The parking lot is farther away than most dorms! There should be a little assigned parking lot (or permission to park at the park meter spots for free) for the students of Electroacoustic Music, Comparative Literature, and MALS, since they are all active way down there).

The transportation in general NEEDS to address the realistic hours of the graduate students. We have little money and owning a car is difficult at best. Unfortunately, there are no options for commuting during the hours that are necessary as a graduate student. Evening and nighttime transportation is a DESPERATE NEED.

There should be a shuttle you can call late at night if you have been drinking and need a ride home. This would cut back on students driving under the influence, they had a service like this at my undergraduate institution

there should be at some public transportation to Lyme

There should be more stops available in the campus, and more lines available.

They should have services on weekends and have buses till at least till 11pm on weekends... (at least Blue, Orange and green routes)

Used advance transit shuttle from parking last year every week day and thought it was great.

Weekend Advance Transit serve from Hanover to DHMC would be hugely helpful.

weekends and later service would be great

E. Do you have any suggestions to improve health insurance services at Dartmouth?

-include dental and vision in the Dartmouth student health plan

(see comment from previous section)

About the question which asked if I would purchase an insurance package that provided dental and vision coverage: I might, if it made sense and would save me money. It would depend how much it cost. I would not like to see such a plan become mandatory. Also, it is difficult to imagine how Dartmouth could find the money provide a "subsidy" for a dental/vision insurance package during these hard financial times without making significant budget adjustments in other areas. Where would the money come from?

add dental and vision

Add dental and vision coverage..... THESE ARE VERY IMPORTANT NOT TO IGNORE FOR FIVE+ YEARS!

Again, dental and eye coverage would be wonderful!

Allow for an optional dental insurance please!!!

Although I did see the dentist 4 months ago, that was the first time in four years that I had been.

As stated on 1st page.

At this point, I am seriously considering canceling my student health plan and going without insurance next year. So few things are covered that I honestly believe I would probably be better off financially paying out of my own pocket.

atleast eye coverage is a must

Because there is no dental plan, I've resorted to the charity of my parents in paying for annual check-ups. This is embarrassing.

dental and eye should be included--it's absurd that it's not!!

dental and vision

Dental and Vision are very much needed as graduate students !!! Please look into this ASAP !

Dental and Vision insurance are necessary items and there should be a plan in place at Dartmouth for students (esp. GRAD students as we are typically NOT covered by our parents plan anymore like undergrads are). I've been putting off updating my eye prescription because I don't have the money right now...

Dental and vision insurance would ONLY be helpful if the cost of the plans is

- less than 2 cleanings a year out of pocket,
- 1 vision screening per year + 1 year of glasses and/or contacts out of pocket

Dental and Vision would be desirable additions. Lower payments, copays would be welcome, as well.

Dental insurance is most helpful to me if I can get a deal for my husband who is on the Dartmouth health insurance plan (not a Dartmouth student).

Dental insurance!!

DENTAL PLAN!!!

Dental please!

Dental should be included.

Dental subsidy

Dental would be nice. But relatively satisfied in general.

Dental.

evening hours!!!! especially for counseling services

get a discounted rate for vision and dental by combining with the faculty/staff of the college

Get dental coverage for graduate students ASAP!!

give us dental and vision. think about it-- we're grad students, which means we're nerds (we wear glasses) and we work too much (lots of coffee, lots of snacking, no time to brush teeth). so obviously we need this shit more than anyone.

give us the option to buy regular insurance and refund the money from the DSGHP into our stipend.

Graduate students are particularly overlooked during interim periods when Dick's House is not open and we have no advice about where to go. I've had to visit the emergency room at Dartmouth Hitcock several times during interims for relatively minor things. At the very least, I think the Graduate Office should make sure we know our options for these interim periods.

Great services, just get the rates down a bit.

I am VERY in favor of adding the option of both dental and vision coverage to the Dartmouth insurance plan.

I don't even want to know how dental and visual insurance will look like if the general insurance is so bad.

I don't need one, my dad is a dentist.

I have great eyesight, so I don't need vision service. I may regret not having dental coverage after grad school... time will tell.

I haven't been to a Dentist since before I started graduate school. It's just way too expensive. I'd be happy if there were just a \$10-20 copay for cleanings--\$100 for a cleaning is just too expensive. I'll need to take out even more student loans if I chip a tooth!

i just paid \$185 for a routine cleaning. this is absurd. we need insurance. prices around here are ridiculous!

I think there is no question that this should be offered - I think people forego these necessary and preventative procedures because of cost and I think the cost defrayed in insurance per month or per term would be great.

I would be interested but the cost would have to be reasonable.

I would love to have eye and dental included in the benefits of students here. However, I would be willing to pay a supplement to an insurance package if I thought it would work for me.

I'm not sure if dental/vision insurance is affordable on my income. It obviously depends on the cost of such services.

I'm young and healthy, so I think it's a better deal for me financially to pay for vision and dental expenses out of pocket.

if they can offer some options of dental & vision, that would be great

include a dental plan

Include dental & vision coverage.

include dental/vision in the regular health plan. Teeth and eyes are just as important as the rest of the body!

Insurance is feasible if it's not exorbitant. Or may insurance for procedures that cost more than \$500 would be good.

It is cheaper to pay for individual visits without insurance.

It's hard to afford dental/vision care. I happened to go to the dentist in the past few months, but only because I had a cavity. Before that, I hadn't gone since I started grad school (am now in my fourth year). It would be amazing to be able to purchase a subsidized plan or have providers who give students deals for exclusive advertising rights.

Less expensive

Low cost coverage.

Lower copays on specialists. Include dental and visual coverage.

make dental/vision insurance available; have better professional health services at Dick's House

Making appointments on banner is a pain when you need to be seen sooner rather than later and it would be nice to be assigned a primary care physician instead of having to make a separate appointment for every issue, big or small.

need dental/vision coverage

no, I think it is good.

Note: Last dental check-up was under family plan that is no longer applicable as of this month, so it will be at least a year before I choose to pay for another cleaning.

Offer subsidized dental and vision coverage

Please add dental. It's embarrassing to be a medical student and unable to afford good dental care.

provide dental and vision insurance

Provide dental coverage

providing teeth and eye health care could benefit quite a lot of people

see above - it's great, with the exception of dental/vision

see previous comments on adding dental and vision care coverage

Also, I was very frustrated that Dick's House referred me initially to a specialist out of network instead of in-network resulting in very high out of pocket costs.

Subsidies for dental/vision care, similar to staff/post-docs.

The lack of dental and vision coverage are my only complaints so far. Granted, I haven't had to use it much so far. I love that all women's services are covered for free.

Too bad they don't subsidize a dental clinic, or negotiate some deal with some local dentists to direct patient traffic their way for reduced payments by students. I would think it would be a win-win.

we need at least vision coverage!!

We ought to have Dental/Vision provided, as long as we're not allowed to have outside employment to allow us to make the money to afford this.

Well, it is kind of difficult to know if it is 'feasible given your income' without knowing how much it would cost. However, I would consider it.

Where do I even start? It's really expensive, and I don't feel like I'm getting much for my money.

Yes. Find an administrator better than Klais, for one thing. They are horrible and they do everything in their power to avoid paying for anything.

Dental and vision coverage is a MUST.

yes. please include dental and visual insurance. at least for sensitive positions - engineering, computer science...

you hit the two really lacking areas

F. If you answered that you were not happy with the DSGHP, or are leaning in that direction, why are you dissatisfied?

- See my comments in the opening section of this survey. DSGHP is administered by a small outfit in Akron, OH which is very unorganized and borders on unprofessional. Their premiums are staggeringly high given the average age of the Dartmouth student population, and we still have to pay 20% of costs out of pocket. Claims are not processed promptly and have caused me to get calls from bill collectors out of nowhere, which I fear has harmed my credit rating. It is extremely disappointing that an institution of Dartmouth's stature does not have a more professional provider.

As mentioned before, I think dental and vision should be offered.

I get concerned sometimes with the help in Dick's House, not sure if I have ultimate confidence in the nursing staff.

Love the "free" prescriptions and that it covers allergies.

Because vision and dental are not included.

Billing confusion. Benefits understanding is foggy. "Incident reports" to start treatment for pregnancy. referrals that were not noted by Dick's house have cost us money since the insurance didn't recognize the referral.

Co-payments. (Yes, they do exist and they are astronomically high. Also, Klais and Company is a TERRIBLE insurance provider--and that's saying something)

Considerable deductables.

costs too much for prescriptions.

covered area is limited comparing to another insurance with the same price.

deductible is too high

deductible is too high

Dental and vision are not covered at all. Vision coverage is probably a little bit more important in my opinion. There are just so many of us who need our yearly checkups and cannot afford to do it.

Dick's House is not always good at diagnosing illnesses - as long as you know what's wrong with you it works fine but I know several people who have been misdiagnosed and it's led to severe consequences that could have been avoided if Dick's house was staffed with more knowledgeable people.

Doctors at Dick's house are just USELESS! They do not know anything and all can do is to type on the computer what you say! The pharmacy does not have many important medicines, even though some prescribed by their own doctors there. Doctors (PA's) usually prescribe the cheapest medicines and drugs, so the insurance would not pay a lot for our prescriptions! The insurance is extremely expensive for spouses and dependents and is not worthed at all. If they don't improve their services, I'm not going to get DSGHP for my wife next year.

In addition, the plan does not cover dental and vision which is pointless when they charge that much for the insurance.

Does not cover dental and vision.

Does not include dental or vision.

doesn't cover dental...

DSHGHP is a one-size-fits-all plan that does not cover things some things that I want, and does cover some things that I don't want.

For example, I don't need free prescriptions from Dick's house. I don't take any medications regularly. I don't want to pay the extra cost built into the premium for being able to get unlimited free prescriptions.

Another problem with the plan's requirement that students go to Dick's house for medical care. This presents a number of privacy and confidentiality issues. At Dick's house, I am bound to run into people I know and perhaps even work with (I'm a medical student). I have actually heard gossip which originated from information on someone's medical records at Dick's House. That makes me extremely reluctant to go there, especially if I had a personal or sensitive medical issue that I didn't want my colleagues to know about.

Also, the providers at Dick's house do a good job of caring for typical college student problems - things like birth control counseling, eating disorders, vaccinations, etc. But for more things outside of that realm, they are not the best. For example, a friend of mine who is on the DSGHP is a 3rd year medical student who diagnosed himself with a pilonidal cyst. He was working at DHMC at the time, but could not see a provider there. Because of his work schedule he had trouble getting time off during the day to go to Dick's House to see someone. When he finally got there, the person he saw was not helpful - the provider could not even see the pilonidal cyst. My friend had to take a picture of it himself and email it to the provider, pointing out the cyst, before he could get a referral to a surgeon.

Another thing I don't like about DSGHP is that it is mandatory unless you can prove that you have coverage through a private insurer that meets several requirements. Given the fact that so many of the students at Dartmouth are young and generally healthy, I think DSGHP is overinsuring most people. I think there are a lot of people who would opt for cheaper plans which provide catastrophic coverage only, but this is difficult to do at Dartmouth.

Expensive Co-Pays

Eye and Dental should be covered

For a medical student, the coverage should be better for: vaccines, specialists, testing. Right now, it's basically two-tiered. Easy stuff is covered, but as soon as you have a problem, need a more sophisticated test, the cost goes sky high.

Gotten better in previous years, but involves a lot of jumping through hoops. It ought to be easier to use the services at DHMC.

Have to go to Dicks House first unless an absolute emergency. Eye and dental not covered.

health care professionals at Dick's House aren't exactly top notch; no dental/vision insurance

I am satisfied, but it could have dental!

I am still not fully aware of what the plan covers, and it's hard to get information about it.

I am surprise afterwards at basic things I have to pay for that in my undergrad health insurance plan would have been included. e.g. bloodwork & labs for a women's annual exam. I wasn't even told I would have to pay out of pocket until I received the bill a month later!

I am very happy with primary care, prescription and mental health coverage. Unfortunately, referrals to specialists are prohibitively expensive.

I do not know which doctors I can use outside of Dick's House.

I do not use the service very much. It would be nice to have a primary care physician like post-docs. It is not very nice to use the Dicks House facility because there is a serious lack of individual care. The only major (to date) health issue is I once had a serious injury in the wood shop in the HOP on a weekend. When I was sent to DH they only stitched up my cut and wanted to send me home without X-rays (I believe this is because it is not staffed on the weekend). Had I not advocated and insisted several times that I believed my finger to be broken they would have never bother to call anyone in. As it is, I was 'granted' an X-ray and was eventual referred to DHMC where I receive the correct care and

physical rehabilitation and almost have full range of movement in my hand.

I don't use it very often but would like to see Dental added.

I feel I don't actually use it very often, yet it costs much.

I feel that students should be told upfront, before receiving care (outside of Dick's House) what the cost exactly of the service will be. I had physical therapy for several weeks, and then was hit suddenly with a bill for \$400. I feel like nobody told me that it was going to cost that much. There is no way I can afford to pay that. Physicians at Dick's house should clearly explain before the referral happens, the exact costs of the additional treatment.

I had a serious vision problem earlier this year, and was referred to an eye doctor. The co-pay and other fees were so high that I may as well have not had DSGHP.

I had a terrible experience with a referral for PT at DHMC. I didn't know that there was a person at Dick's House who would deal with the insurance Co. and I was trying to deal with them directly, but they didn't answer during business hours, didn't return my calls, were incompetent, impossible to deal with, etc -- spent 8 months calling them a couple times a week and couldn't get them to cut me a check. I found out that I could deal with them thru Dick's House, and the lady somehow resolved the issue in like one week. So I guess a document outlining what to do in the case that something goes wrong with the insurance coverage would have helped me a lot.

I had to make an emergency trip the eye doctor and it was awful. I have never met a doctor with worse bedside manner. I will continue my care with my own doctor with out help from DSGHP.

I have had complications with DHMC not accepting my wife because I was on Dartmouth insurance even though she was not (and couldn't go to Dick's House like me). While our mix-up was resolved, it was difficult at the time because she could not get medical care. I hope this does not occur for other spouses of graduate students.

I have had to pay a lot for labs sent to DHMC, I would like vision coverage and dental! I am a student and feel that vision is essential to take care of.

I have to pay for all my own preventive care lab bills, and I don't like having to get all my care at Dick's House. It should also provide some coverage for dental care.

I haven't had to use it, so I have no opinion on the quality of the health plan or service. However, I find the information that's provided on what's covered by the plan either confusing or nonexistent - although I tried to research it when I first signed up, I have no real idea what's covered and what isn't, how the system works, what copays are, etc. Basically, the documentation they provide is terrible.

I just wish we had dental coverage.

I like it except that it doesn't have the same coverage for my children. As an example, I have to take my kids to DHMC for checkups. Then I have to pay \$100-\$200 in bills. BTW, some things DHMC charges for is down right dirty. \$30 just to do a pulse-ox! It would be nice if kids were covered equally under DSGHP.

I love the free prescriptions and counseling at Dick's House. However, if you have anything that requires going to DHMC, it is prohibitively expensive. Also, I wish we could at least buy into the dental plan that Dartmouth has for faculty (as I'm sure they have dental care). Several graduate students (including me) have taken to traveling to dental schools in Boston in order to be able to afford dental care -- right now, it's the most cost-effective solution.

I think I am paying far too much for the services offered.

Dick's house is too inefficient and the times someone could see me, the general recommendation was to take more Advil and see how it evolves over time. I don't need medical insurance for that.

And that's only for students. For partners the rate is far too much!

I think we absolutely must have dental insurance

I used to be on DSGHP. As long as you never needed health coverage, it was great. Unfortunately, the plan administrators do everything in their power to avoid covering costs of healthcare if you actually need something more than a check-up. Appealing claim denials is nearly impossible and they deny claims automatically.

I wish dependent care coverage were more affordable under the plan.

I wish there were at least options for dental and vision, as I will require that. Luckily, I can stay on my parent's dental and vision plans until I'm 25 (as long as I'm a full time student). But, I will be turning 25 in a year and would like to see GSC tackle this problem.

I wish they would give you an emergency appointment (!) after 7 days.

I would like it to include Dental and Vision.

I would like to have dental and eye coverage, since that is what I use most. Also, I have had some difficulty getting questions answered at the office in Dick's House and think it would be helpful to have a larger staff available to answer any inquiries.

I would like to have dental/vision coverage through DSGHP.

I would like to see Dental and Vision covered as well!

I would like vision care (its critical as a student) as well as dental care - even if we had to pay for them. There are likely enough people that we could opt in at discounted rates - especially when combined with all the faculty/staff at the college

I would rather see an EPO with 100% coverage at the DHMC and Dick's house. I don't understand why this isn't possible, since Dartmouth owns the hospital. I also think that most students would greatly prefer this, and the 80/20 plan could always be kept in case a student preferred it.

One other thing that really upset me was the cost of immunizations. I had to pay \$130 for two immunizations that were required. It would have been really nice if my health plan covered some of that cost.

I would really like dental coverage.

I'll have to go on DSGHP in a few years, but I would prefer to have continuity of care through a primary care physician.

I'm happy with it but wish it was extended to dental and vision.

Insufficient dental/vision; not clear how portable it is compared with COBRA

It costs too much and doesn't cover Vision or Dental

It doesn't cover much. I had a bike accident and the insurance only paid \$50 out of the \$350 expense

It doesn't include dental/vision. Young people should be encouraged to take care of their teeth, especially - at least exams/hygienic appointments could be included

It is great for minor ailments, but fees are high when specialist care is needed. Also, there is no dental or vision benefit available.

It is nearly impossible for a graduate student to get in to see a trainer and physical therapy at DHMC even with our coverage adds up incredibly quickly. Physical therapy at Dicks House for all of us trying to stay somewhat in shape while in grad. school but who aren't varsity athletes (I am not even sure we are allowed to be) would be wonderful.

It seems to have pretty poor coverage.

it should include dental and vision as well. those are important areas and i think they should provide us with those benefits

It was a rip-off! They had so many exclusions, and charged very high premiums/co-pays. I am fortunate that my outside employer offers me an affordable health plan instead.

It works really well if you never travel, but if you ever have to use off campus or non-DHMC services it stinks. I was at a conference a few years ago and got food poisoning. I went to the doctor, and for a 10 minute visit it cost \$270!!!

It would be better if it covered more than 80%

It would be nice if there was more access to sports medicine specialists, especially during interim, though it has been OK. Over interim, I had to go to DHMC, which could have been quite expensive, but I got financial assistance from them so it was OK.

it would be nice to have dental and vision covered.

It would be very helpful to have some dental and/or vision coverage. I haven't been to the dentist in a couple years...

Also, I've had issues getting Klais and Co. to respond to claims in a timely manner. Making the claim was quite the procedure as well. It could be worth having an orientation session regarding how stuff like that works.

It's a free health plan, but as far as health plans go it's not particularly good in my opinion.

It's expensive and it doesn't cover anything out of Hanover. It's expensive even for anything within the area -- I've had some minor sports injuries that I've not seen a doctor at the hospital about b/c I know the co-pay will be enormous. So I go see a useless physician's assistant at Dick's House, who prints out something from WebMD and gives it to me. Secondly, it only covers generics for a prescription that my wife takes. Dick's House is extremely limited in terms of availability (hours), ability to easily make an appointment, and their responsiveness in effort to schedule appointments. I went to a college of 1600 people, and we had round-the-clock availability in the infirmary, and doctors were always available.

It's good for people that are healthy - basic prescriptions and annual visits. Having to pay 20% for treatment needed outside of Dick's house starts piling up. I'd also like dental and eye exams in the plan.

it's mostly just fine. dental exam would be nice as would an eye exam. but the coverage has been pretty good

it's odd that dental and vision are not covered, these are the things that most grad students typically need, never needed it for anything they do cover, so no idea how good they are

It's ridiculously expensive to cover my kids. Also, Dick's House has very inconvenient hours on breaks, and can't see my kids at night if they get sick (so I have to take them to an ER). Also, I get tons of letters from the DSGHP haranguing me about a non-existent secondary insurance that they're convinced I have. I have to keep refilling out the same forms saying i don't have other insurance, otherwise I get an endless stream of bills in the mail. Lastly, it takes forever for the insurance company to process my claims. I'll get a bill for a medical service done 6 months prior.

it's totally awesome, except for the total lack of dental/vision. any help at all with that, even partial coverage, would be amazing. contacts/glasses/dental care are prohibitively expensive on my stipend.

Its all good if you never get sick but the coverage for any actual problems is pretty awful

Its fine but a very high deductible of ER visits

Klais is very difficult to work with/get to cover treatment.

Lack of Dental & Vision.

Lack of dental coverage

Lack of dental. Reimbursement for some of my prescriptions.

lack of eye and dental covered by the plan. these are my primary medical expenses.

limited service that covers basically wellness problems (like colds, flu), no vision or dental care.

Limited services outside of Dartmouth College campus. No services on campus for children.

Lots of paperwork.

Mental health services could be better, if only because it is really difficult to schedule appointments at Dick's House as a grad student with an eclectic schedule.

Most stuff outside of Dick's House is so expensive it would financially sink any normal grad student (lab tests, broken leg etc.)

My biggest problem is the lack of dental insurance available to students. I am very worried about something happening and not being able to afford to have it fixed, and I must admit I have my regular dental appointments far less often than I should now that it is an out of pocket expense. Also, my significant other has had confusion with billing at DHMC, and is unhappy with the heavy co-pays for physical therapy.

I am happy with the free prescriptions at Dick's House. If it is a common problem, they are very good about seeing you quickly and getting you what you need.

Need dental and optical.

need dental/vision coverage. otherwise I have little comment because I have not used it yet

Needs dental/vision/better provisions for specialist visits

no dental

NO DENTAL / NO EYE

no dental and vision care/coverage

no dental coverage and many medically necessary tests not covered.

No dental is a HUGE expense!!

No dental or optical plan

No dental or vision (dental is more important). The plan seems to have been designed focused on the needs of younger undergraduate students. For instance, pregnant students/spouses could have better service.

No dental or vision coverage.

No dental plan

no dental, lots of things not covered, for example routine appropriate labs

No dental, no eye care, there are lots of things not covered, like... cancer!!!

No dental, no vision. Forced to go to Dick's house. No primary care doctor. Co-pays and deductibles too high.

No dental/vision.

No eye or dental care

No eye or dental.

No vision or dental coverage.

No vision or dental coverage. Contact lens exams and contact lenses are expensive!!

NO VISION OR DENTAL PLAN. HIGH COSTS TO SEE SPECIALISTS AT DHMC, HIGH COSTS TO GET X-RAYS. HIGH COSTS FOR SURGERIES.

Not satisfied that I had to pay a lot to include my wife in it.

Office is almost NEVER open, office is spontaneously closed for the day or for hours in the middle of the day. No dental/vision coverage stinks - I don't have enough scholarships/loans to get my teeth cleaned which is ridiculous.

paying for paps

People at Dick's House don't understand the concept of graduate student. I'm married and in my 30s but when I call to schedule a gynecological appt, I'm put through the ringer whether I've engaged in safe sex and if I need the morning after pill. I deserve more respect (and probably the undergrads do too!).

I'm basically treated like an idiot at Dick's House. I missed an appt once and they sent me a nasty email saying I'm wasting their services and that if I can't set my alarm on time, I shouldn't schedule an appt. They need to be informed of what kind of students use their services.

Poor coverage, many many things not covered, high price for family plan. I have previously been professionally associated with a university that had a teaching hospital, similar to Dartmouth, and our health insurance there was far better for a fraction of the price. Dartmouth appears to have no interest in providing reasonable coverage - merely to have something that allows them to say they provide insurance. I have had simple preventative care items not be covered.

Rates are too high for a family with at least 1 kid. I'm paying \$6000 per year plus a \$2000 deductible!

Reimbursement is often initially declined whenever services are from a provider other than Dick's House. This requires many hours on the phone to remedy the situation.

STD testing is given to anyone, but an ultrasound isn't - you have to go all the way to DHMC, and pay the deductible, etc.

but i like the ortho clinics on Mondays.

The copay of \$200 is too high, plus it only covers only 80% of the cost. Also, getting a specialist referral is difficult. Once you get it, getting an appointment is really difficult. Sometimes you have to wait for months.

The system of preferred providers is too complicated. If you are not in the area and get in an emergency, do you rush to the closest hospital or do you call Klaus & Co. and ask for the hospitals in the list?

the deductant

The Dick's House staff are incompetent, and I always end up having to get a referral to the DHMC, in which only 80% is covered. This seems ok for general visits, but it essentially rules out the ability to get tests like MRIs, even when necessary. Every small medical issue becomes an enormous ordeal, even when they are incredibly simple to treat.

The plan blocks you from being able to see anyone outside of Dick's House.

The Drs at Dick's house are not aware of what this plan covers, so they say things are covered, then they are not.... v. frustrating. I'm not impressed with the coverage or the cost of adding dependents.

The DSGHP doesn't cover dental. Also it doesn't cover the cost of inoculations which are really pricey.

The number of providers allotted in the area is very small and it is difficult to find someone to help you out. The prices that DHMC charges for the services not available at Dicks House are absurdly high. If I could go to a private doctor in the area they charge a lot less (I have looked into this for dermatology at least). Either the services provided by Dicks house should be increased or the costs for the other services (especially preventative) should be reduced.

the people at dick's house are horrible. i've had to see doctors in the surrounding area (and pay out of pocket) because the dick's house people don't know what they are doing. otherwise it would be fine. dick's house is so much worse than my undergraduate health services which surprises me because dartmouth has a medical school.

The personnel are difficult and rude.

The premiums are way too high given my infrequent use of health care services.

The services at Dick's are nice, but they are covered by tuition, not DSGHP. For part of my life when I didn't have health care through an employer, I had 80/20 coverage that was similar to DSGHP and it was \$99 a month. DSGHP seems like a rip off.

I'm not an undergraduate, my health care needs are different. For visits outside of Dick's, paying 20% can be really expensive on a grad student budget. Whenever I do seek health care, I am always surprised by the bill that ends up showing up.

The things that I think could stand improvement are the dental/vision coverage (which you already know) and the hoop-jumping required to have anything other than Dick's house and ER visits covered (which I'm not sure is a realistic thing to hope for).

There is a massive deductible and the insurance usually doesn't cover the rest of the costs. On top of that, any emergency room visit results in a huge pain as far as being covered because there is a grey area as to what an actual emergency is. Extremely frustrating.

There is no dental or visual coverage.

There should be better coverage of stuff at DHMC that Dick's House doesn't offer or does poorly.

Too expensive, not enough DHMC care covered

Too much red tape to see a real doctor, Dick's House is just not quality health care. I think its deplorable that graduate students are on "undergraduate" healthcare system.

Very restrictive network. Customer service is generally unfriendly and unhelpful.

Way too expensive. I have \$200 deductibles for each of my kids as well as my wife. That's on top of over \$5000 for the annual cost of the coverage. That means I pay close to \$6000 per year before I get any coverage from the DSGHP. In addition, Dick's House does not carry any of the pediatric medicine that we have needed. My 3-yr old daughter has had a respiratory illness for a week and we only just got her antibiotics today.

We need a complete health care including eyes and teeth!

Wish it had dental/eye car, but otherwise great

With dental was included. Otherwise happy.

Would be nice if it included dental and vision health care, wouldn't mind paying extra for those but it would be nice if it were all under one plan

Would be nice to have dental/vision in the DSGHP.

G. If you're not satisfied with your degree program, why not?

Academically, I'm largely satisfied. Socially/Professionally, less so. There was an insufficient orientation to college resources, rules, procedures etc. Basically feels very separate from the college as a whole. Needs either more integration with services (everything from library, to health insurance, to housing, to career services) or establish an independent structure that takes into account the varied student body within. If the I/D remains a pedagogical goal, then more such classes need to be offered each term (variety and volume), ideally one per concentration, or establish (or publicize if already established) the option of petitioning for an alternate class to count as I/D. A minimal account of academic structure/guidance would go far (i.e. assign an advisor for the first term only, with the understanding that the student is responsible for recruiting their own advisor by the second term).

Academically, yes.

The administration is entirely unacceptable, though (see the field in which I complain about the fellowships).

because it is small, sometimes classes are not offered for several years... not much you can do about that though.

Course offering could be better, course timing could be structured to fit with undergrad offerings since we're allowed to take undergrad courses for credit, more money (grants, scholarships, stipends, etc) should be offered.

disorganized administration, subpar quality of students, silly requirements, lack of courses

DMS is horrible.

Graduate classes are poorly taught and few and far between.

High turnover rate of students. Pressure.

However, it's quite small and I am having trouble meeting other people around campus.

I am generally satisfied, though it needs to do a better job of preparing students for careers outside of academia. Perhaps opportunities for an internship/co-op semester with local companies.

I don't believe we recruit the most dedicated students. Also, there are few courses offered.

I like my program, it has been very good for me, but sometimes I wish the general level of rigor could be a little bit higher.

I was a Dartmouth undergrad and now that I go to DMS and know other grad students, DMS seems like the undervalued, underfunded bastard child of the Dartmouth academic programs. Our facilities are old and even before the worsening budget problems it seemed like there was already a lack of funding for activities/ curricula.

I would like to be able to enroll in classes outside my department and not have to audit -- not because I want grades or credit for the courses, but so that I don't have to negotiate with the professor whether I can answer questions or have my work graded. Right now it is not possible for me to enroll online for any undergraduate courses online, even in my own department. I'm not sure why this is, since there are many undergraduate courses that would help my research that don't have a graduate equivalent: for instance, my department has a foreign language exam but there aren't any graduate language courses offered to help us prepare for this.

I would like to see more classes on development offered

I'm mainly peeved at the lack of opportunity to do 3rd year electives at DMS - you almost have to split 4th year even if you have narrowed down to 2 specialties and one is a 3rd year clerkship. Ridiculous.

I'm not sure how well it's preparing me for getting a job after I have obtained my PhD.

it's a joke

It's complicated.

It's complicated. I'm satisfied more or less now, but I had troubles caused by a bad advisor. And due to lack of guidance by my former advisor, I'm left having to take a ton of courses while completing my thesis in order to graduate on time.

It's somewhat poorly organized. It seems like guidelines continuously change.

Its way to lax with students. One student was over 6 weeks late with his qualifier and has not been reprimanded. Another lied to his PI about research and is still in the program. This makes all of us look bad.

Lack of mentorship. Poorly structured program after classes and exams

Med school is EXTREMELY structured. I tried to take undergrad spanish, but the deans here were not very supportive...

med students are pretty busy - not a lot of time to take other courses.

Most of the administration is self serving (for the program or administrators) and not student serving. For graduate programs it should be all about helping the students become the best possible (insert profession here, scientists for me).

Most things run smoothly. However, students enrolling mid-year have a lot of trouble getting on their feet.

Mostly satisfied, but some things get in the way of REAL satisfaction. The coordination between departments is horrible or non-existent. We're off of campus in our own little bubble. I have no connection with other graduate students at Dartmouth. Class choices are slightly limited, and a couple of teachers have been sub-par. Oh, and the students aren't that smart, motivated or enriching to my experience, with some notable exceptions.

The overall administration at Dartmouth is HORRIBLE!!!! I've had at least one if not multiple screw-ups at Student Group Health Service enrollment (2), Student Financial Aid (3), Billing(2), Student Employment(1), in addition to my home department(2). There is no excuse for the incompetence, considering the amount of money I pay to attend!!!! The administration needs to adopt some of TDI's continual improvement systems, I really mean it.

Not enough variety of classes in my interest & at graduate level--often we're forced to take undergrad or CoCo classes which does not reflect well when applying to further graduate programs at other schools. Arbitrary requirements

Not many opportunities for integration with other departments at Dartmouth, extremely rigorous core curriculum, overload of coursework.

Organization could be improved.

People are rude, the classes are bad, the rest of the campus does not know we exist. It is impossible to get to campus and get errands done. Not good at all.

Professors have other interests/priorities over teaching

Program is too small to be really productive.

Purports flexibility, yet is not very flexible (bureaucratically). Also, we have to sign up for classes after the undergrads. They're usually full, and will only accept a certain number of MALS students, despite being offered/recommended by the department.

Sometimes too much busy-work.

Teaching is poor, too many classes required for graduation

The Chemistry department is not connected to the rest of campus. I had to fight tooth and nail to get credit for a course I took at the medical school that was directly about my dissertation research (I'm obviously in a multidisciplinary field). I never know about PhD defenses from other depts, which would be helpful. The Chem dept also was not welcome to put people in my field on my defense committee because they were from other depts.

The Core class teaching is weak in areas. Too many of the core professors had limited teaching experience before they came to Tuck (if we're such a great b-school, shouldn't they be learning to teach elsewhere?). The lack of professor preparation at times is embarrassing. Lastly, few of the professors (in the core) have much real-world experience.

That said, the electives in the second year have met my expectations.

The Dartmouth Institute scheduling of classes is not conducive to working professionals at DHMC. DHMC in turn is not very pliable to allowing employees to fully participate in courses at TDI.

The department is disorganized, its decisions and enforcements are arbitrary and unreasonable, and there is absolutely no accommodation for physical disability and illness.

The emphasis seems to be on forcing grad students to jump through hoops, rather than developing our abilities as researchers. To put it bluntly, they beat our love of science out of us, and don't allow us much freedom to pursue our own research interests.

The interdisciplinary requirement doesn't make ANY sense... especially since there are so few offerings! It really makes the program difficult.

The professors are moody and inconsistent. They claim we shouldn't worry about coursework and grades, then pummel us with homework. We have to take too many courses and TA too many terms, leaving very little time for our research.

There are too many irrelevant introductory classes, and not enough advanced classes. Also, stats is not taught until the second year, which is ridiculous, considering it is a fundamental skill at the heart of the entire field. We spend a whole year being unable to interpret or analyze results/data well on our own.

there are very few courses for graduate students and the professor/student community is lacking entirely

There could be better cross-department class accessibility, especially for graduate level classes.

There have been no classes offered that I can get course credit for in 3 years. The first class that will 'count' for me will be offered (finally) next winter term.

There's a lot of politics, but that happens anywhere.

This is a conversation I'd rather have with my program directly.

Too much politics. Too many cheating students. Over inflated grades.

Unorganized

unreasonable expectations

Very few classes that actually pertain at all to my research.

Wish there were more courses offered in my field, and wish more emphasis was placed on professional development, i.e. finding jobs, networking.

H. Do you have any suggestions to improve student life as it relates to the curriculum of your degree program at Dartmouth?

Be more flexible on the interdisciplinary course requirement, or else offer more choices.

Better formulated structure to the mentoring of students through the dissertation phase.

better organized classes, but that is isolated to certain classes only.

Better publication of classes open outside of my program.

Biostatistics and Bioinformatics are neglected.

Decrease course load so as to allow students time to dedicate themselves to other activities in the Dartmouth community.

Developing a culture that celebrates creative problem solving, rather than exclusively rewarding grunt work, would go a long way toward improving the graduate experience for me.

Expand the programs to be 50% larger

Fewer class requirements (or relatedly, make the classes better)

Fewer courses for PhD students.

Sometimes students dont know what is expected of them in courses or examinations. More clarity in this area would be useful.

For those interested in an academic career a teaching tract where graduate students gain experience no just grading papers and leading help sessions but in actual lesson planning, lecture delivery and assement structuring is needed, at least at Thayer. This could potentially be achieved through a stepped learning, TA, participation in courses of faculty mentor , final course design and delivery system or course delivery for credit or compensation (not currently allowed) at the local community colleges.

Get us on campus, even if it's at the Med School. I like the long block style classes once a week, so keep that for sure. Make the selection process for students more selective, co-sponsor more social activities with other graduate programs and departments. Synch up the calendars with those schools too, so we're not on break at different times.

have some courses at tuck....

I don't believe that is an issue the GSC should focus on

I feel that my program can be made a little specific, right now its too generic

I just don't like the quarter term. I would prefer a semester term. Everything is rushed.

i think it's really good.

maybe more free food.

I think there is good interaction between Tuck, TDI, and DMS. Would be great to take classes outside our program.

I wish there was more cooperation between my program and other programs relating to the subject.

I would be interested in taking classes outside my curriculum regardless of whether they counted for credit or not. I think offering some more classes in the summer would help this.

I'm pretty happy.

If there is a class that very clearly overlaps with my degree, making those classes more well known.
If we are on DF, making us TA less would be very useful. Other departments only have to TA for a set number of terms, not every term you are on DF.

It would be nice to take completely unrelated classes, and not even necessarily for credit . . . I'm thinking music/art/dance . . .

Less busy work, more self-exploration.

Less politics in the classroom. Save it for your personal life!

Letting us take elective classes at other departments/schools for free (no credit of course).

lower the workload

Make all courses offered open to graduate students as well as undergraduates. Have more interdisciplinary graduate courses.

make Tuck classes free for Thayer PhDs

Many courses have projects/papers that require multiple group meetings outside of class time. Some compensation for this would be helpful (i.e. ending class 10-20 min early so we could meet with our groups)

Maybe a guide for new grad students on the correct roles of an advisor and grad student. I didn't know that it wasn't normal to have to spend 90% of my time at Thayer doing work for my advisor's company. Obviously these roles vary from discipline to discipline, but it would have been nice to know that it didn't have to be that way.

Med school curriculum suggestions are so specific and probably not meaningful for this survey

Medical education in the US needs to be revamped.

More choice for courses across terms.

More classes should be offered in the summer term.

More co-curricular activities between graduate programs within GSAS, or even just a common space open to such students.

More events on Sunday morning/afternoon. I observe the Sabbath and am sad to miss many events as they fall on Friday night or Saturday before sunset.

More grad classes during the summer

more grad student only classes. more field classes for grad students

more interdepartmental classes would foster better relationships and collaborations from one department to the next.

More interdepartmental programs should be made available at an earlier time in order to finalize the schedule of classes for the next term.

Move stats to the first year. Drastically change prosem, with the students' - not the faculty's - best interest in mind.

my program is pretty good

need on-campus space at Tuck in which to socialize outside of classroom hours, especially for 2nd year students who do not live at Tuck
also, faculty members should not be allowed to use the gym in the student residence (whit)

Nope- I feel like I have no say in medical school curriculum- the students give suggestions EVERY year, and the subjects are taught in the exact same way!

not require three core classes be taken in one term, especially during the first year. (physics and astronomy department)

Offer a greater number of classes per term. Don't schedule classes in the middle of the day as that interferes with bench work

Offer lectures and programs at times we can actually get to the main campus. Provide parking for us... If class gets over at 4 and a program starts at 4:30 it takes 15+ minutes to get to Dewey and another 15 to walk to wherever we need to be. It is a bad set up. Try getting you loan check in 4 minutes.

Some real teaching experience would be nice (TAing lab sections doesn't count!)

somehow motivate professors to organize and attend activities with graduate students

TA training would be nice, or just some form of formal advice

TDI schedules of courses that accommodate a working professional's career and life. Day scheduling is too complicated. Offering required courses only once a year is disruptive to a career work schedule and not user friendly.

teach us something instead of treating us like dumb slaves

The academic schedule should more closely follow that of the undergrads.

The chemistry dept student handbook needs to be more specific about it's program requirements. There's a vague definition about what requirements are needed to get the PhD but there's no contingency plan specified. So it doesn't state: if you don't pass your 3rd year proposal, you may be kicked out of the program. It's infuriating that they pick and choose when to abide by their own rules.

The curriculum is fine although a small portion of the classes cover material that will be useful in my PhD.

The First Year Curriculum places too much emphasis on "everyone experiencing the same misery" and not enough on recognizing that people are individuals and want to get different things out of business school.

This is an absolutely terrible survey.

Tougher standards, less babying.

We would love to see more career fairs. As a graduate school, DMS has virtually no career fairs for graduating students or even students enrolled in the course to take part in.

why cant people take medical courses with med student?

Why does Dartmouth not have a law school? It seems to me that it would make a lot of sense in growing the portfolio of professional schools.

I. If not, what do you think could be done to improve the extracurricular activities in the Upper Valley?

Activities held in the evening would be nice do to work hours

activities other than BBQs and bad music parties should be organized

advertise the activities more...people don't realize there was an event until afterwards.

Are graduate students allowed to participate in "After Hours"? If not, it would be nice to. If so, it would be nice to know.

As a grad student (not in TUCK or DMS), u r way out of the loop...how to improve this? I have no idea

Bars and other social venues open late, better transportation in the evenings/night.

Better transportation so all of the grad students that live a decent drive away could go out and have some drinks and be able to get home without driving.

Build a concert hall that is not associated with Dartmouth!

create more of a social network among the graduate students

Dirt Cowboy open later, some non geriatric bars...

The outdoor stuff is great though, just nightlife is completely lacking.

get a real college bar in town, not all these pretentious and expensive ivy league bars

Get grad students on the "all campus" blitz list so that we hear about events publicized there (e.g. a capella concerts and other things put on by undergraduate groups). Get access to the Tuck clubs. Push student groups to reach out to grad students and push grad students to go to things organized by undergraduate groups. (I was excited to get an invitation email from the group organizing the snow sculpture). Make blitz bulletins available through programs other than BlitzMail (e.g. Netblitz or forwarding to Gmail). Have a grad student common area where flyers could be posted and people could hang out with people from other departments. Have coffee shops open later than 6pm (there was a weekly thing a couple years ago called Mocha Mondays where Rosie Jekes was open 8-10pm and there was live music and discounted coffee. I would've gone even if it was just Rosie Jekes open 8-10pm.) Help connect grad students who are interested in participating in some of the lesser-known extracurriculars like After Hours events, so that grad students can go without worrying that they'll be the only grad student there.

Hanover could become more of a college town since after that's what it is built around. Lower priced housing within walking distance of downtown would help to get more students into town and result in a more lively night life. Frequent live music at downtown establishments would be nice.

Have more affordable housing so more people could live here

Have more programs at different times

I don't ever go.

I have my family's interests at heart. There really isn't much for kids to do. Most of Dartmouth is not in my situation, so it might be a moot point.

I have no idea but I know that it gets a little claustrophobic in the Upper Valley and it appears that it's the students who lead the charge, not the school.

I have no time to participate in extracurricular activities

I think the Upper Valley is what it is and can't be improved in the way I'd like. I most miss having good shopping opportunities. True, there is availability within 2 hours, but it would be nice to have closer shops.

I think we could get some capoeira happening up here! It's always popular with students and would be a great way to lighten up the stuffy Hanover atmosphere.

I'm not really aware of any activities.

I'm not sure. it's a small town.

increase activities for international students in forms other than loud and drinking-oriented parties

intramural sports for grad. Students

it is what it is.

It would be nice if there were a few more bars.

It would be nice to have more events for the 20-somethings!

It would be really great if there were a big movie theater within 30 minutes that played the current releases.

it's fine---I have too much to do anyway, and I typically like the outdoor stuff anyway.

It's not necessary to do anything. There is enough to do as-is.

make them more frequent

more activities organized by dartmouth and gsc

more buses to montreal, boston and nyc! (w/cheaper fare).

more casual social events geared towards graduate students

More dance/sports available.

More dancing and live music! More non-drinking activities! More affordable stuff! Student discounts!

More family friendly events such as brunches at local restaurants or concerts on Sunday would be nice. Also, transportation to NYC, burlington, or Montreal would be great as well.

more frequent.

More graduate student events, socials, etc.

More low-key social events - movie nights, bar-hopping, pizza nights - and transportation organization. not everyone wants to attend a dance party at electra.

Also, a monthly schedule of events so students can plan for them - instead of blitzes about events coming up at the end of the week. Perhaps some scheduled "every third wednesday of the month" events, so that people could plan for these social events ahead of time.

More meeting people / dating venues should be created.

more opportunities to go skiing as in by providing transportation

more options/more *different* types of activities.

more out door activities

More social/community building events or groups, something that is more casual than dances etc. For example, a cooking club or book club or film club.

more sports leagues not affiliated with DC

more things to do at night and on weekends

more visibility

more volunteer opportunities would be nice...or at least better advertisement for them.

Move the Upper Valley closer to civilization... Seriously.

UVScene announces events, but many of the events advertised are not in the Upper Valley. This is not helpful.

I've made a niche for myself by getting involved in ballet in the area, but this is not easy to do while maintaining a graduate student's life, income, and responsibilities...

Moving the Upper Valley to Manhattan or some place similar

napalm... just kidding. you could build a city here i suppose. overall i think there is quite a bit going on for such a small place, the UV does fairly well in this respect.

Need someone to recognize the unmet demand in Hanover and open a bar geared towards grad students (i.e. - renovate 5 Olde)

No idea - I usually just go to Boston for concerts/events.

No idea. Still not sure everything that is within a 10 mile radius of campus because I don't have time to explore and haven't been able to find out.

Not even sure where to start on this one. The only activities up here seem to be drinking, or high school type events like proms and trivia bowls. I know a fair amount of people like the cutesy stuff, but maybe something interesting for the rest of us. Also, it seems to be difficult to find when the more interesting events happen.

Not much.

Not much. There just don't seem to be enough people around.

Not sure it is possible within such a small community to get the kind of variety I would prefer.

Not sure... it's difficult to meet other grad students in the area outside of your dept.

offering family oriented activities would be great.

Something (anything) that doesn't involve standing about and drinking!

the college is doing a good job considering the size of Hanover but they just can't replace a major city

The Upper Valley is a small community and unfortunately there is not a lot going on. I don't think the GSC can do much to improve this except organize some low key events or open-ended gatherings for students to be interacting

more.

there are things to do, i don't know about them. post "outside-of-school" activities on D2U

There should be more activities available!

there should be more social events for grad students in all departments, like ski races or picnics or events at occum or events at the boathouse

There's not enough variety of events in a a rural setting like this. Don't see what can be done about it really.

Too few kinds, too rare.

Weekly emails letting grad students know that there is actually something going on during the weekend? Emails encouraging students to join clubs (outdoors, etc).

J. Was your orientation adequate? If not, why not?

A whole campus tour (buildings, history, Dartmouth fun facts) would have been good.

After "orientation" I still didn't know what existed or where things were.

At the time, none of the training was oriented toward my program, but that has changed. Also, I had arrived on campus at the beginning of the summer, so much of the information wasn't useful when I got it.

boring. not an adequate representation of the school

Coming directly out of undergrad at a small liberal arts college, I expected more information than what was presented. It was also difficult moving here and not knowing anyone at all. I don't know if that's something that could be helped during orientation though.

Completely inadequate. Oriented me to nothing.

conveyed useful info, not probably could have been a good way to meet folks from other areas, however I did not partake enough to reap much benefit

could have had a campus tour, could have had more opportunities to meet other first years. definitely could have had more communication before arriving.

Dartmouth is a small area and easy to grow out of. It would help to have student-compiled and regularly updated resources about everything in reasonable distance to combat this.

Did not participate in any orientation as far as I can remember.

Did not provide information for services in the area. Did not cover any sort of places outside of the downtown Hanover area.

Didn't know about it

Didn't know my way around at all.

Don't really remember it. Most of the advice I got was from other students.

Dragged on too long, in my opinion, but most of the important stuff was covered.

Generally it was fine in terms of providing info about services, etc. But you generally have to figure out a town for yourself.

I actually missed orientation.

I did have to locate my own sources of extracurricular entertainment.

I did not have any orientation.

I didn't have one as far as I know.

I didn't really think there was an orientation. I didn't get any information about the bus schedule or options. I still don't know most of the campus. No maps of the area were given. No information about grocery stores or laundry facilities or other basic amenities. There was help with blitz mail but otherwise not much computer information.

i didn't even get a tour of campus. there needs to be more of an orientation for the specific schools.

I don't even know what the Dartmouth orientation was.

I don't think we had a Dartmouth orientation. We had a 30-minute meeting with a faculty member in our department. 8 months later, I still don't know that much about Dartmouth or the Upper Valley.

i expected to be received better, i would say more friendly, from the us citizens students
i haven't felt "accepted" by the dartmouth community yet

I had a lot of trouble meeting people-there was very little to do once I got here.

I only met people in my dept. I still have limited knowledge as to all that Dartmouth has to offer.

I settled in easily, but that was more thanks to having a roommate who had lived here for four years than to the official orientation. I think the official orientation assumed we didn't need help with the logistics of starting a new life -- as I remember, it was focused on our academic programs and our relationship with the College (responsibilities and some opportunities, such as PE classes).

I still can't find my way around

I think a campus tour would be helpful for one. Two, a guide to this area would be great also : where to do laundry, eat, parking passes (i had to track down the office woman to find out where i was allowed to park the first day of orientation!! ended up paying meters all day, moving my car here and there), banks, etc.

I think there are certain base levels that should be made clearer like how to get access to the phone and the answering machine, what is going on with the cable, where to get a cable box, they didn't give you an id for a couple of days but closed the doors at midnight (completely doesn't make sense), no idea where to park, no idea where to put empty boxes, no idea how to sign up for the Whit gym. In general, felt very lost when I came to campus - all things I would have done on my own if I was moving to a new city but since I was living in the dorms, I had to trust others to do them/explain them to me.

I think there should be a DOC trip for grad students, to promote community and encourage getting to know people better outside your program.

I wasn't assigned a mentor which I believe usually is the norm at least for international students. So I didn't know where to buy groceries, what is required to get a credit card etc.

I wasn't aware that I had Dartmouth orientation

I, like many arrived at a time other than the start of fall term. By the time I had to go through all of the orientation I had been at the school for 6 months. Some of it was useful but most of it I had figured out by then and wish I had heard up front.

In terms of orientation activities it was good. However, new students face a problem with housing. Selecting housing (if you don't get college housing) by internet posts is not a good idea, specially for international students. I feel GSC could do more in terms of finding accommodation for new students.

I think some temporary accommodation (in undergrad dorms, north park or a host family), possible paid and limited to 2-3 days, for new students who arrive here would be a good idea. That lets new students take a look at some of the available options, before they can say decide on a house. Alternatively, GSC can appraise some listings on the real estate site, and inform students if they want more information about it.

In the department, it seemed as though my arrival was unexpected and nothing was ready for me (ID, phone, computer, etc.) The overall orientation was too focused on physical sciences and ignored the wide array of grad students, preferring to put everyone through the same training for ease sake.

It conveyed very little useful information.

It didn't give a good idea of what was actually going on up here, or what's available to do.

it involved silly preschoolesque activities and discussion of "ethics", i.e. it wasted our time

It seemed to address a lot of stuff that was superfluous

It took me 2 months to get to know very common places such as the library, dining rooms, gyms and etc.

It was a major waste of time and did not address issues such as housing well at all.

It was completely useless... didn't teach me anything about life at Dartmouth and focused mostly on how much winters suck. I'm from New England. I know winters blow. If incoming students are not from a place with long, crappy winters, they should've thought about that before coming and they'll get over it. Enough about the cold and snow already! Really! It's a fact of NH and VT. Get over it.

It was fine because I had a great lab mate. Otherwise I would have been lost.

It was too fast - we had one day with a tour, and I left without really having a good idea of how to get to a grocery store or a gas station from where I lived (Norwich, at the time). It would have been nice to have those things covered in orientation, instead of having to figure it out for myself.

It was very generic and did nothing to acclimate us to Hanover and the college as well as fellow grad students.

It would have been great to have a campus tour for new grad students.

Its hard for international students to adapt to the place, Without a car it is impossible to get around the place on weekends, especially in winter.

Lack of information really about the start of the year. We were never told about our email account, and things just seemed really disorganized.

more free time would have been greatly appreciated

More ways to meet students outside your department would be nice.

Most of it was pointless. We're adults, we can figure this stuff out on our own as its our responsibility to do so.

mostly a departmental problem - they're disorganized and don't communicate with the rest of the administration

N/A I had med school orientation

No College orientation beyond Tuck.

Not a fan of cocktail parties.

Other than introducing grads to their programs and the ethics of research, there was very little in terms of orientation to the area. Everything I know about the area, I had to learn from other students or by exploration. I also am clueless about campus, since there's no formal student tour organized during graduate orientation. There's some social events for grads, and that's a plus, but there's no introduction to the Upper Valley. Even the seminar on extracurricular activities focuses on S&S and the DOC, which primarily serve the undergraduates.

Do a tour - tell us about the conservatory at the top floor of whatever building that is, take us up the Baker Tower, or on the Steam Tunnel tour. If I hadn't had alum and undergrad friends here already, I wouldn't know about these offerings. And they're free - perfect for grad students on a budget.

All the orientation does is get us in gear to work and deal with research ethics, then all the activities involve getting dolled up for parties or clubbing. It's not a good balance, and leaves many people behind. There's a large population of grads who want to spend a chill evening doing something fun and social, yet mellow and definitely inexpensive.

Our program started in July and orientation was not until September.

Overall sketchy and uncoordinated

People that are chosen for orientation are unbiased in their description of the area. It doesn't make sense to pick people who have negative things to say about the area, so you only get the positive aspects of the upper valley and none of the negative.

Repetitive - 2 orientations covering similar material and none seemed very applicable.

See previous comments.

show what happens in the basements of frats to get a big picture and total experience

Some orientation to the health insurance and a tour of Dick's House would have been great, and a tour of the athletic facilities too.

The Arts and Sciences orientation was fine, but the MALS orientation was seriously lacking. I realized after 2 or 3 terms that there was a lot of information that would have been much better to have up front, rather than having to learn it on my own.

the gentleman who owns the poster/dvd store was kind enough to pull out a map and show me everything i'd need: auto/motorcycle repair shops, retail stores, hiking trails, parking in hanover, choice restaurants etc.. the college should hire him!

The schedule was way too aggressive -- need less events, especially less mandatory event. Don't make a stupid scavenger hunt mandatory! Make important things mandatory. More about the roles of a grad student and advisor would have been nice. Can't comment on the orientation w.r.t the hanover area, since i did undergrad at dartmouth too, so that stuff, which was often mandatory, was also a big waste of my time and was frustrating b/c i was trying to get other work done at the time. Would have been nice to be able to skip some of that stuff, and have the schedule be clear on what is truly mandatory. Obviously you want people to come to a lot of events, but making them all mandatory is not a good way to do this.

The Stampede of Zebras is an inadequate moral guide. Who wrote this? The ethics classes are very nice but requiring us to read 'the stampede' is a mistake. Consider classical literature to get your point across.

The Tuck school has a great packet they hand out to the incoming students that includes lists of local dentists/opticians, activities, contact info for the various clubs, etc. Would be sweet if the GSC had something like that....I guess it could be online.

There are always some programs that seem pointless or a little over repetitive. Mainly all the panels that simply tell you things you already know.

there was a lot of irrelevant info (biohazard, etc.) that was hard to sit through. and not enough relevant info about social life and dartmouth life.

there was no event when all new students met existing grad students or faculty. very few opportunities to meet other grad students in my department and outside of my department.

there was no interaction. I can figure out forms, the point is to meet people so the experience isn't miserable

There wasn't any information provided concerning life outside of Dartmouth. A guide, as mentioned below, would have been useful.

There were no breaks. It was unclear how to use services and what they were for.

They don't tell you that Hanover is a retirement community run by grey-heads that premises itself on being a college town. bull@#\$%!

They emphasized the Honor Code and really didn't mention anything about sexual harassment. They did cover why WE shouldn't sexually harass people but there wasn't as good of a plan to report when you're sexually harassed compared to the procedures that are involved in cheating. It was shocking to hear that cheating was considered so much more important to this school than harassment in the workplace. They also emphasized ethics - do the professors go through this same orientation? Because my experience here at Dartmouth is that it's the professors who are loose on ethics, not the students.

Those events are boring, repetitive, and stupid

To explore on your own is necessary. The only part of orientation that was useful, was the day on which we received our IDs.

too long ago

Too long, a little overbearing. I skipped a bit of it. The Moosilauke Lodge trip was a wonderful thing to include, though.

Too much information was stuffed in one week. I think one needs to go through orientation once again after 3 months.

We arrived in April before school started in September, so we oriented ourselves. Tuck provided many of the local resources we used initially. It would be nice to have more access to Dartmouth facilities, however.

What orientation to the Hanover area?

K. What could a graduate student representative on the Hopkins Center committee push for, for you as a graduate student?

A presence on the committee may allow us to push for student rates for our significant others

A voice would be nice in general.

advertisement - I feel like the once every six months newspaper is not all that helpful to me, and most of the ads are targeted at undergrad spots. I have no issues with the content of the Hop offerings - it's actually rather remarkably diverse

Advertising in Byrne Dining hall for upcoming events.

Better publicity as to what movies are playing and other events are occurring (I never see any notice about any events at the Hopkins Center unless I walk past it). Maybe an email once/week.

Change Hop's policy regarding not using "purchased seats" even if their owner hasn't arrived 30 or 45 minutes into a show.

I would have loved to listen to just 1 song of Sweet Honey in the Rock, but wasn't allowed in 45 minutes after start time, despite empty (but purchased) seats. This policy makes no sense. If someone hasn't arrived 30-45 min post start, what's the chance they'll show up. And if they do show up, I would happily leave the seat and excuse myself from the show.

cheap tickets for partners

Culture show or performance, like east asia culture night

discounts for family members

Family friendly entertainment.

Family-centered entertainment.

Graduate students could suggest shows and entertainment that are relevant to their area of study. This would give even more diversity to the performances.

Hell, at this point, just having an awareness of the events would be useful. I, again, never know what is going on unless it gets to me by way of undergrads or word of mouth.

Honestly, I like the programming at the Hop already. But, I don't think that having a grad student rep would hurt, if just to remind the undergrads that we're here.

I don't know. Not really an issue for me.

I don't necessarily think things need to be changed, but it would be nice to have our voice heard on music/theatre events coming to the area.

I suppose nothing intrinsic to being a grad student automatically aligns tastes - but I would hope that they might have similar tastes to mine. More cool bands (more than 0).

I think it should (naturally) be one of the 6 Music graduate students. We frequently sit down with guest musicians like Philip Glass and have a say in which artists come to the Hop.

I think that it would be good to have grad student perspectives on the guest speakers. I would like more unique speakers.

I think that the Hopkins Center does a nice job already and I guess I didn't know that students played a role at all, but they seem to be doing well.

I think the HOP is awesome. I don't think a grad student should necessarily be on the

I think they generally do a good job of holding interesting events, but I think on principle graduates students should have fair representation.

I would like to see welding available at the Hopkins center in addition to the other shops.

I would love to see more classical music on the Hopkins Center program.

I'd like to be able to purchase a student price ticket for my partner for HOP events. Also, I don't think it is fair that many events have better pricing for undergrads than grad students.

I'm not sure if there is anything lacking, it's still good to have a representative, though.

If a ticket holder doesn't show up to the event, they should be allowed 30 minutes and then their seat should be given to someone who is there and waiting. This could be a new policy and just accepted as fact.

it will be nice to have own person, an insider in the area. just in case, you know.

It would be a voice participating in the process, and it would be a way to find out about events. There are often workshops with visiting artists, but they are usually announced only to the undergraduates.

It would simply be nice to have someone that I can contact (relatively) easily whose job on the committee would be specifically to advocate for performances that I'd like to attend. I don't have any specific changes to suggest now, but I'd like to feel that if I had a suggestion, or an artist I'd like to bring to the Hop, there's someone I could go to about that.

Less musical performances and more actual theater! There should be Shakespeare at least once a season. The Hop is really lacking in their theatrical presentations.

Let MALS answer that.

Maybe more activities that relate to our studies.

meal plan in place at Tuck, is controversial...

more comedy shows. Sherman Alexie was amazing

More contemporary types of music shows. Granted, I love the variety of shows put on at the hop, but it seems that a lot are meant to appeal to the general population of hanover. I know this must be where most of the funding comes from (\$50 tickets for non dartmouth attendees) but it would be cool to have someone pushing for things to help us keep in touch with modern young artists in the mainstream. Things like the "Girl Talk" DJ's show last year - that dude is famous now and a hit with people in their 20's all over America. Whether it be shows or performances, or getting Mos Def to visit or something, or Steven Tyler to come up from his house on Sunapee to to a chat/panel with students - that would be some cool stuff.

More diversity of events

More events from different cultures

More mainstream performances. Music and theater for the sake of enjoyment rather than raising cultural awareness. Because sometimes people just want to go to the theater for comfort and relaxation.

Invited Jorge Cham... (PhD comics) back. He was here several years ago, but nearly everybody has moved on since he was last here.

More musicals and plays

More tickets reserved for students that they can purchase up until the day of the show. Think it is ridiculous that we often operate day-to-day and get locked out of show that we hear about, but some grey-head who has nothing to do can snatch up a ticket months in advance.

more variety. there's only so much "afro-cuban-jazz-fusion" that one can be entertained by in a single lifetime.

Mostly the programming seems good. I learn about it listening to VPR in the car, don't get it from the D2U which I find quite pointless since it's day-of information. I plan well in advance.

Overall, I'm pretty satisfied with what the HOP offers, but I think it's important for them to realize that there are graduate students who are around and should have a voice and what is happening.

Performances of interest to graduate students, perhaps related discussions aimed at graduate students, better advertisement to graduate students.

pick the performances us most like

student prices for spouses or significant others, entertainment programming that is also representative of our interests (although it's fair to say this is covered pretty well already)

Student rate for spouses

Subsidized tickets for partners of Dartmouth students

the grad students are way overrepresented relative to the undergrads in the audience at the Hop, so we should get a say in what they show

The single biggest problem I have with the HOP shows is that while I can get in at a reduced rate to many shows, my wife cannot. That makes attending many of their shows prohibitively expensive for us.

To allow graduate students to participate in the ensembles (like theater productions)

Unsure

workshops with visiting artists at more convenient times. Master classes.

Would be cool to have graduate student night at the woodworking shop or jewelry where a class was taught.

L. Do you have any suggestions to improve activities and extracurricular events at Dartmouth for the graduate student?

Allow spouses the same privileges (for a commensurate fee)

As mentioned earlier, the Athletic Department treats graduate students (they call us "professional schools") as second class citizens and won't make any facilities (indoor or outdoor) available to us. They're unresponsive, lazy and bureaucratic.

better advertising to graduate students.

Better coordination of IM sports b/n different grad programs

Better publicity at Tuck; it's never announced, and I never really think to seek it out

Brainstorm activity options and survey students on their preferences.

centralize the calendar

Dance parties and formals

Discounted tickets for visiting friends/family of students.

There is not an adequate dining facility for medical students. The Cafe North was not successful before because the food was bad and overpriced. Having it as a snack bar only is unfair, because we are too far from other dining facilities to reasonably make it there and back in the lunch hour. Offering a good salad bar and simple soups and sandwiches like those in Collis would be good, particularly if a graduate student meal plan is made available.

Generally really good.

grad student meal plan is not desired because campus food is so overpriced and cafe north is awful w/ bad hours

grad student volleyball competition. ivy league wide

Have a live music show on the green.

Have more activities that don't involve VERY loud music and drinking (boring)!!

I absolutely think grad student tickets at the nugget should be subsidized! we are more broke than the undergrads!!

I bought a ticket one time from student life for an event at the hopkins center and they charged me full price even though I am a student. I was not very happy about that, so I still need to talk to them about it.

I just became a grad student. Haven't been one long enough to have an opinion.

I just learned this past week that games were free for grad students. I went to the game and had to talk my way past the ticket office, which told me only undergrads got in free and that I would have to pay \$6. I insisted that they were wrong, and they found someone else in the ticket office that realized I was right. We met friends at the game that all paid \$6.

I think it would be good to have more social service projects. We hardly ever participate in any Tucker Foundation programs, for example.

I was told grad students had to pay at the last basketball game and paid.

I would attend if I had known I could get in for free

I would really like to see improved intramural sports, especially indoor soccer.

I'd like to see there be GSC-organized mini-courses, where one grad student volunteers their time to teach a hobby (knitting, brewing, ice skating, etc.) and the GSC handles all the organization and planning and materials.

I'd love to have more events focused on exploring the Upper Valley area, and that are done in small groups -- like the apple picking and the corn maze. I think a trip to a sugarhouse this spring would be fun, or hiking in the summer. Perhaps the same trip could be run multiple times, to allow more people to go while still keeping the group size manageable. I personally prefer smaller events.

It's no use getting a meal plan for graduate students--we can't afford DDS food.

Let the grad students know what's available

make events free for spouses as well.

Make it easier to use the facilities.

Make sure that grad students are more aware of intramural activities.

more communication between (often undergraduate led) student activities and the grad student population -- a lot of times these organizations are eager to have grad students attend, but the message just doesn't seem to get out.

More events to meet students from other departments that do not involve dancing.

More information

More student discounts would be great!

No I feel that extracurricular activities are open to me. I am more disappointed by the reticence of many of the fellow grads in my dept. to exploring these opportunities with me. Grad students can be lame.

publicize, publicize, publicize - 7+ days in advance.

Some sort of grad student only social area would be nice. I'd like to see a more robust outdoor community of grad students

stop charging us \$50 a year for crap

TAILGATES!!

The multipurpose rooms should be open to grad students (after verification of course), it's unfair that "only recognized" clubs are allowed to use them. If there's no recognized club.. say for certain types of dancing, then it's impossible to practice! And unfair given we pay tuition just as others do. Most evenings the rooms are unused. It's a hardwood floor and a stereo system... I would think most adults can handle the responsibility.

the tellers at ticket office don't give grad students free tickets to games

There needs to be some sort of way for graduate students from different departments to get to know each other.

There should be more intramural activities available.

Yes, more cooperation with the undergraduates so those events become accessible to us as well

Yes...start with a weekly newsletter, or how about an event calendar, so that we at least have an idea about what is going on around the area. Then you can focus on improving activities - once we're aware of what is offered.

M. What does the GSC mean to you (i.e. what is our mission)?

\$45 so weirdos can run around and plan semi-formals

- 1) to foster social interactions among students in different programs, 2) to represent students among the dartmouth administration, 3) to protect our rights and benefits

A body that advocates a graduate student perspective on both academic and non-academic issues.

A collective voice for the graduate students at Dartmouth.

a group of students that push the graduate student agenda, a group that helps grad students make their voices heard.

actually, no clue, sorry guys :) something along the lines of improving the lives of grad students...

advocacy for graduate students on campus

advocacy group for dartmouth graduate students who might otherwise be overlooked because of the strong undergraduate focus. additionally, it provides social opportunities because we live in the woods.

Advocate for grad students

Advocate for graduate students issues on campus and provide a social life to graduate students

advocate for graduate students on campus, provide a forum for discussion about graduate school life at dartmouth, and organize activities and extracurricular events to keep us sane

advocate the graduate student against college and give advices to graduate student life in Dartmouth.

Advocating for the particular needs of graduate students at Dartmouth.

Allows for representation within the college, and allows for organization of events and programs on behalf of the graduate student population.

An organization that organizes get togethers.

An organization to improve graduate student life through activities and communicating with the administration.

an organization who speaks for graduate student

An organization, which wants to improve grad student life.

An organizer of grad student events, and a group to tackle problems that the grad community must deal with

Assist with the quality of student life for grad students.

beside the parties organized, i don't know what else the GSC do
sorry

didn't know it existed

don't know

DONT KNOW

don't know what it is

Extracurricular activities, dealing with grad students' rights issues if they come up.

free pizza

Grad student advocacy, organizing grad student events.

grad student advocates

Graduate Social Committee

GSC is a means for me to have my concerns expressed to the right people and hopefully bring about a change that would be beneficial for me.

Has no effect on me as far as I can tell.

Help ensure that the graduate student voice is heard on campus and that we have a place to voice concerns and comments. Also help in planning events for graduate students so that we can get outside of our program and meet other people in the area.

help grad students

Help graduate students have a wonderful graduate experience

Help improve the lives of graduate students.

helping the graduates feel some sense of unity among others in the same situation.

Helping to provide a good lifestyle to graduate students.

hold parties for the graduate community.

Honestly I don't think about it much but I do appreciate that you guys are out there doing this stuff. In fact I'm rather impressed at this survey and to me this sort of advocating is what have a council is all about. Thank you.

I didn't know there was one. I assume it's a student government organization of some kind.

I don't know

I don't know the GSC.

I don't know. I'm a Tuck student and can't say I've had any interaction with the GSC at all.

I don't really know much at all about it. I assume its mission is to act as a student council for all the grad programs

I dont know

I guess I think of the GSC as existing to promote the happiness, wellbeing, and success of the graduate students at Dartmouth.

I have no clue. You keep the administration on their toes, make sure that they know that there are real people attached to the tuition they collect.

i have no clue..."work hard, party at electra harder"? or expect that this will keep the grads happy?

I have no idea what the mission is.

I have no idea.

I have no idea.

i have no idea.

I have no idea.

I see the GSC as a body designed to advocate for issues that are pertinent to grad students, as well as organize social & cultural events for grad students.

I suppose it's to make grad student life a little nicer, though I haven't really seen much in the way of output from them. That's not to say they haven't done anything, just that they don't advertise things other than small events and parties.

I think it's a group just getting its grounding as an advocacy for grad students on this mostly undergrad campus.

I think that GSC works well for single young people. I don't think that the parties are focused towards old married people like myself and that is fine with me. I am glad that the young single people have events to attend.

I would imagine that the role of the GSC was to advise the school on issues and concerns of grad students.

improve student life on campus

Improve the life and well-being of graduate students

Improve the quality of life for graduate students at Dartmouth by advocating for increased community with the graduate programs (and with undergraduates), increasing health benefits, and creating activities.

improving graduate students' quality of life

In an official capacity, I think the GSC's purpose is to represent/protect the interests of the graduate student community.

Increase grad students interactions amongst themselves as well as with the Dartmouth Community.

It is a way for graduate students to organize and share their voice with Dartmouth community. It also looks after the interests of graduate students.

It seems like they mostly organize social events.

liaison between the graduate students the college; you give us a voice

look at the common needs of the graduate students and work as a larger group to take care of these needs

looking after the concerns of grad students. Intermediaries to the DC admin.

Make life better for graduate students

make our life at dartmouth better

Making grad life easier, so grads can concentrate on what's important.

My understanding is that the GSC facilitates social interaction between departments in Arts and Sciences, and acts as a collective voice to the administration where needed.

Never heard of it until I received an email today...do you try to get Tuck students involved normally?

No idea...didn't know that you existed, really...

Not a clue - to advocate for the unique needs of the graduate student body across schools.

not much

Not really sure what the mission is. It took me a second to recall what the acronym stood for.

Not really sure.

not sure

organize student activities

Organizing events for grad students.

Organizing social events and working to make student life better on campus and in the community

Padding your resume.

plan activities for grad students

plan events, represent grad issues

Prior to this survey, just hosting grad student parties.

Promote a balance of social life, academics, etc. for students.

Promote the graduate student voice

Promote the well being and academic success of graduate students at Dartmouth.

Provide me with fun things to do

providing graduate students with quality options for out of school activities

providing services for grad students

Represent and improve the lives of graduate students.

Represent grad students' interest

represent graduate students on campus. advocate our issues (when we have them) attempt to maintain some cohesiveness within the grad student group

Represent the grad students in every part of student life.

Represent the grad students, speak up for them, protect their rights, organize activities...
you guys have been doing a great job this year!

Represent the interests of the graduate student community, provide a forum to discuss and plan events and improve graduate student quality of life.

Represent the interests of the graduate students at Dartmouth College as a unified voice to the administration, student body and the public.

representation for graduate students

Representing grad student interests to the Dartmouth community

Sending lots of long emails that I rarely read?

spend my activity fee funds.

support and advocate for grad students

Supporting grad student life on campus, making sure there are dedicated grad student resources, promoting grad student activities and social events

supporting graduate students life, activity, and right.

The "mission" is theoretically to be our representatives to the college if necessary, and to work to improve grad student life.

The GSC at Dartmouth is a student-run governing body dedicated to improving the quality of life for the diverse population of graduate students. Together with the Graduate Studies Office, we aim to foster a sense of community by sponsoring social as well as content-driven events, providing financial support for student organizations, and supporting college-wide initiatives that directly impact the graduate student demographic. Details of our purpose can be found in our Constitutions & Bylaws.

The GSC is important because they're representative of the whole graduate student body. The GSC is the best way to get our needs attended to by Dartmouth.

The GSC is the voice of the graduate students and I think it exists to improve the well-being of Dartmouth's graduate students.

The GSC makes sure that the graduate students are treated properly by the college and they represent our interests. Plus, they organize fun events.

The GSC means to represent graduate students on campus. GSC mission would be to foster a graduate community, work for issues that benefit graduate students, and enhance the well-being of society in which graduate students operate.

The GSC rocks.

They intend to improve the quality of life for graduate students.

To act as a voice of the collective graduate community to the rest of the college and present the important issues of graduate students to the dartmouth administration

To address current graduate school issues and coordinate solutions through networking with grad schools, students and the college.

To address grievances of graduate students and to work towards the betterment of the graduate community

To advocate for the well-being of the graduate students.

To advocate the desires of graduate students to the administration.

to annoy those of us who have work to do

to be the voice of graduate students

to better the graduate experience

to better the lives of graduate students

To bring graduate students together and get to know each other. To foster long lasting relationships and friendships that would transcend after graduation.

To create a sense of community for all graduate students at Dartmouth.

To encourage the graduate students to come together and foster successful relationships, and to better our interests with Dartmouth.

To foster the social/extracurricular life of graduate students

To help foster a sense of community among graduate students, represent graduate students to undergraduates, faculty, administration, other graduate schools, and the larger world, and to advocate for graduate student rights and benefits.

To help integrate the different programs and provide social outlets

To help students have balanced lives outside of their labs, where "life" includes social, physical, and emotionally enriching activities.

To improve the academic and non academic experiences of graduate students

To improve the life of graduate students and make sure our voices are heard on campus.

To improve the quality of life of graduate students.

To make a community of the grad students.

To make Graduate student life better.

To make our lives inside and outside the class room better.

To me, the GSC is looking out for the well-being of all graduate students at Dartmouth. This includes social activities, as well as advocating for the needs of the graduate students on campus.

To meet and eat pizza and then have parties at the DOC wherein we drink beer and wine.

to organize social events that bring the graduate departments and schools together. Organize to better represent the graduate students to the administration.

To provide a platform for realizing and encouraging social interaction between grad students and to be the main body for advocating on behalf of the A&S grad student population with the Dartmouth administration and the greater community

to provide an avenue for grad students to get to know one another and to have a good time

to provide social events and a sense of community for grads on campus as well as to advocate on our behalf.

To represent and advocated for the graduate student body at Dartmouth.

To represent and fight for grad students!

to represent graduate students in campus life

To represent the graduate school to the rest of the college and the alumni (ie, remind them that we exist and advocate for our needs and desires). To help unite the graduate student community and encourage us to socialize and work with grad students from other departments.

To serve as the voice of graduate students to the College. I think this is especially important considering the focus Dartmouth give to undergrads.

To speak for the rights of graduate students at Dartmouth.

To take care of Graduate students and advocate their interest

Try to improve the quality of life for graduate students

Unclear

Unifying and promoting socialization of graduate students through organizing activities and events as well as providing representation for graduate student needs.

Until recently, its been described to me as a meeting where people eat free pizza and get nothing accomplished. You're moving in the right direction now, just focus on battling for useful things like health insurance instead of being a group that just plans parties. This ISNT college anymore.

Voice of graduate students to the administration.

Wellbeing of graduate students, and helping them live the bulk of their 20's to the fullest with the amazing people around them, despite the insular location of Dartmouth.

who are you people? are you in the med school or something?

You are the lone voice of graduate students in an undergraduate centric institution.

You represent us in various aspects of graduate school life

you should know that, guys...

Your mission to serve the best interests of all graduate students on campus and to advocate for those best interests.

N. What do you feel we do best?

Activities

Activities

Activity newsletters.

All of the activities I have attended put on by the GSC have been really great. They are creative and I will keep going to them.

Apologies, never knew about you before this survey.

As far as I know, the GSC is most active in social event planning and funding.

Ask questions.

Big parties

Blitz information to the student body.

Bringing grad students together

Bringing music, such as Girl Talk.

Communicate to college authorities.

communicate with the community

communicating what the group is up to

Communication and gatherings for grad students, and help preparing for post grad-school employment.

do large social events that I don't like attending

do not know

Don't really know what you do

everything that you do !

Extracurricular events

fun social events

Get the word out about events.

Great range of activities

GSC activities (parties!!!)

Help people that go out of their way to find help.

hold these parties.

Host events.

Hosting great activities for students.

Hosting parties, which i wish could attend more of.

Housing is good, certain events are good.

I actually don't know.

I did not even know the GSC existed until this survey was sent out.

I don't know what you do

I have very little contact w you

I like the frequency of get-togethers events.

I like the new acronym and what it stands for.

I really haven't paid enough attention to tell. I'm aware of your existence, which you should consider a major achievement, given the attention I usually give to on-campus society.

I really like that this year there has been an increased number and a mixed variety of events and that we are told about them all. Its nice to have more things to go to

I think that the GSC is very open and inclusive of everyone's opinions and suggestions. I also think that great strides have been made to make a positive difference in areas that graduate students are struggling with (i.e. child care, medical coverage etc)

I think you guys do a great job!

I think you guys make a good effort to organize social events, and you seem to be creative in trying to come up with different themed parties. It's important to have grad student parties - it's the only time I can socialize with my peers.

I think you throw a great party.

I'm totally unaware of what the GSC does.

keep people informed of activities.

Love the new initiatives

maintain a Graduate student presence within the administration.

Make the graduate students feel as if we have our own community within Dartmouth.

no comment.

Not much.

not really sure what you do

not sure

not sure

nothing, I dont know what you do

Organize events for grad students.

Organize events with copious amounts of alcohol.

Organize events.

Organize formals, big parties

Organize fun events

Organize parties

organize social events

organize social gatherings

organizing events

Organizing events

Organizing meetings, parties

Organizing parties!

plan events

plan extra-curricular events

plan parties

Planning fun things

Planning parties for single graduate students.

Planning social events.

Provide events for young single people.

provide social events

Providing social gatherings.

Put on graduate events and make people feel like there is always something to do.

Putting on dances, and social gatherings.

Putting on events and keeping us informed.

Reach out to the students for information.

Sending lots of emails...

sending out lots of emails for no reason

serve as designated "central command" for grad student issues

Set up parties for the grad schools.

setting up activities

Social
Social activities

Social Activities

social events

Social Events

Social events

Social events

social events

Social events

social events, but I realize there is a new push towards student life/academic life improvement

Social events.

Social Life

social programming pretty solid.

Social stuff

Surveys

surveys.

the events you organize are nice

The events you throw are good.

The few big events, formal, halloween, etc

The GSC is best with the social aspects of graduate life.

The GSC seems to have their priorities straight and are well organized.

The parties are nice.

the parties are pretty freakin good

the parties that are thrown are great

The semiformal is nice.

The social activities have been very well put together--fun, but also safe. I know you are trying to advocate for better

health care, so I at least appreciate that.

The socials and the events are done very well. Its very well organized.

There are a lot of social events and interaction between different departments, which is much different (and better!) than the previous college I was at. Events are well publicized.

They organize social events.

This survey is a pretty good step.

This survey is a step in the positive direction. Graduate students are not represented well at Dartmouth. Pretty much all the attention of the college is focused on the undergraduates

Throw awesome events/parties, continue doing that!

throw parties

Throw parties

Throw Parties

Throw parties. Hold meetings.

Unknown

very good

vocalising graduate problems

Well, all the parties I've been to rock! And so that's about it.

Well... represent and get things done.

You guys to a great job in general, especially this year.

You seem to be good at communicating with us about events, opportunities, etc and sending out reminders :)

you seem to be pretty good at sending out emails

O. Where can we improve?

Plan events appealing to a wider variety of student interests.

acquire some tangible power (other than the power to charge students \$50 a year for crap)

Advertise and give more opportunity to participate

Advertising about this group and events from the Tuck MBA program office.

advertising and reaching students more... but I have no suggestions for this. Sorry.

Advocacy sounds great, i haven't seen much of this in action yet.

Advocacy, making grad students and research seem non-threatening and maybe even a positive thing to alumni and trustees, helping graduate students to be part of the Dartmouth community as much as undergraduates are, making A&S grad students less invisible, help build the reputation of the Dartmouth graduate programs,

Advocacy. Or maybe you can just improve communication about what you've been doing to advocate for grad students on the issues they care about.

Advocate for the things the graduate student community really want.

And if you do manage to accomplish something, let us know. Because all we ever hear about is parties. Its great to socialize, but there are a lot more important things that graduate students would appreciate.

Advocate with the departments... but don't know if the GSC really has much power there.

advocating grad student issues

Again, not sure. You seem to be doing a good job to me.

Be more demanding in order to get the issues in hand addressed by the college.

Be more open to all graduate students, not only representatives. Try to have a bigger room for the monthly meetings, and also more food, so more people could attend.

Better social events.

by doing more !

Cheaper student activity fee and less lame parties.

Communication and outreach, especially to new graduate students.

Communication with students regarding meetings, improvements as a result of actions, places they may need help.

communication, scheduling, stop catering to big one-off events

communications, this survey is a good start. i feel like we are in a bubble at Tuck. I appreciate the effort to integrate with other programs.

create more awareness to the students about what you are what you do and why I should care.

Discount at the Nugget! An affordable graduate student meal plan would be great as well. Get the AT to run later from the hospital and back.

do more service projects for the area (maybe I just haven't heard about them)

Do more than throw parties (the same party, at that). There can be more to a GSC than just hiring a band and getting catering. At the very least, sponsor different *types* of events (for people who don't necessarily enjoy the 'big party, lots of drinking' or whatever). At most, do some actual outreach. Perhaps also sponsor charity events to get grad students involved in the Upper Valley, etc.

Do not make surveys so long. And use surveymonkey or something that doesn't require us to input a 4 digit number on every page. You will get a lot more responses for shorter and simpler surveys.

do surveys like this one on a regular basis

Do/plan other extracurricular stuff

don't know how, but get grad students to actually care about being at Dartmouth. Good luck!

Encourage more events to interact with other grad school students that aren't centered on drinking.

Encouraging students from different programs to get to know each other.

events related to school

Everything else

I do feel that you could do a better job of communicating to other graduate students so that they know about the many things (other than public social events) that the GSC attempts - successful or unsuccessful. There are a lot of people who think the GSC only organizes parties. They are unaware of the many other academic initiatives that the GSC is working on.

Expand our visibility within the Dartmouth Community. It would be nice to feel like we are a more integral component of this community, but so often we are marginalized by the interests of the undergraduates.

expanding your involvement in campus life. hold less parties and more cultural events.

Find more ways to help graduate students fight troglodytic defaults.
And help me prevent my teeth from falling out soon.

Get affordable housing for graduate students within walking distance of campus.

Get us dental coverage!!

grammar (just read next question!)

help the college become more aware of the academic environment that graduate students experience here - and the psychological consequences of that environment

I did not even know the GSC existed until this survey was sent out.

I didn't know you existed until I was asked to take this survey

i don't even know what you do other than plan semi-formals and other parties.

I don't think you can make much difference in changing curriculum within departments, so it probably isn't worth the time. I think child care is important for those grad students with children, although this likely isn't applicable to most grad students. I think that unless dental and vision coverage is very inexpensive, it wouldn't be useful to try to acquire it for the grad students.

I had no idea that half of those things listed as extracurriculars events even existed!

I have no complaints.

I sometimes get annoyed when I get LOTS and LOTS of emails for events I don't want to go to. But, that's pretty rare, and I'd rather get too many emails than not enough.

I think GSC does a great job considering how little feedback and help that they get from the entire graduate population.

I think it would be good to get graduate students involved in more outreach work in the community.

I think the formation of this committee reflects an earnest attempt of the GSC to take a more serious approach to advocating for the grad students. (So, keep it up.)

I think you're doing a great job.

I would say this survey and the idea of pushing for representative stipends, dental/vision, and spousal benefits are already big improvements. Thanks for trying to make any/all of them to happen.

I'm not sure.

I'm probably not the right person to ask. I'm married, and older than most of the other students. I guess I feel as though the GSC exists primarily to serve the interests of more typical students.

I've heard that spending on things such as food for meetings had become a bit out of control, probably not the best use of our money. Maybe cut back on that, remember, you volunteered for these positions...

Include more students ask for more input

Information about meetings and the results of meetings need to be sent to those of us unable to attend meetings...perhaps a news letter or email of meeting minutes would be appropriate.

Integration of the different graduate programs. As a medical student, I don't feel that there's much mixing with other programs.

It would be nice if GSC could also be a source of non-graduate/campus events occurring (or provide easy accessible links to them).

keep up advocacy work

Keep us a bit more informed....

Let us know more about what you're doing - I didn't really realize the GSC existed.

make people more aware of the other things you do.

make your presence known

make yourself more visible. i dont see much presence at the med school

Many students aren't so interested in drinking or events that promote drinking.

Maybe volunteer opportunities?

Mixing up grad students b/n all of the different school on a SMALLER scale - at bigger parties, people congregate with their own.

More academic specific workshops.

more advocacy for grad presence on campus

More advocacy for graduate student needs to larger campus community/administration.

More advocacy.

more communication

more events? less hat for the med students? ;)

More housing.

more involvement with DMS and Tuck- the grad schools need to interact with each other more

more multi-department events

More outdoor sports activities.

More work towards dental coverage!

Not sure of anything specifically.

Not sure what you do so at the very least market to the students to get the name and mission out there.

Not to beat a dead horse, but not acting like your the undergrads and trying to plan 1,000 parties is a good start.

Outreach to the students.

Perhaps send the minutes from your meetings to students.

Planning more fun things!

Polling grad student body opinions.

Publicity and awareness would be a start.

Push for a reasonable Dental & Vision Insurance for grad students!!!

Representing interests to the administration / public and reporting back to the graduate students

See above.

shorter surveys

Student Life ADVOCACY

Surveys! This software is dreadful

Take a survey of how many people are married with kids and would want to hang out/do things as family groups together.

Telling us about more important things than parties.

The 8 points that are outlined (ADVOCACY) are a great place to start. I think stipend levels and housing are the most important to address.

The exec board positions should be paid because of the amount of work that it takes to build the graduate community.

The graduate student body's image to the rest of the Dartmouth community

The GSC needs to represent all populations of graduate students. I realize that most grad students are single and don't have children, but grad life is extremely difficult for families at Dartmouth because there are NO resources. Not only that, but Dartmouth is grossly misrepresented as a family-friendly college.

The parties I've been to seem to have major issues, like running out of food.

The parties you throw are really lame. When you team up with other graduate schools, and presumably have more money, those events are good. Otherwise, more times than not I go to GSC events and within a half hour, the shitty food and beer are gone. It's as if you planned for a turnout of 5. So I don't bother attending anymore.

the smaller gsc organized events are usually weak. like coffee for only the first 25 people and still had to pay a \$1 (if i remember correctly). or the graduate student appreciation dinner thing at the DOC consistently runs out of food after the first 25 people. It would be better to not have the function, in my opinion.

The social gatherings in the past have not been so hot, in my opinion.

There can be even more fun events and activities.

This survey is way too long.

This survey was too long, and the default values for the little menu buttons assumed an answer to the questions, which isn't the best way to do things. And, some of the menu items didn't have "not applicable" or "I don't know" as an option, just "yes" or "no," so the data you're collecting will be flawed.

This survey was way too long...I can't imagine that most people will get this far!

Try to get to those people that aren't even aware of GSC, what they do or what they can offer.

try using survey monkey.

Unsure what the jurisdiction boundaries are.

We need to be more forceful advocates for change in certain areas; the College must respect our needs, and many of the requests we've made recently are considered rights -- not privileges -- of graduate students at other institutions that seem to value their graduate students more. We need to help change the Dartmouth attitude towards the grad student body and our needs.

You should allow at least one representative per program. It is unacceptable that certain programs (like ours - COLT) do not have a representative with the right to vote. In how far is that democratic?

2 or 8
2, 3, 1, 7, 6, 5, 8
2, 3, 6, 7
2, 6, 1, 8, 3, 4, 7, 5
2,1,6 (in that order)
2,1,6,8,3,4,7,5
2,7,3
2. dental & vision coverage
3,6
5 or 6
5 or 8
6 then 1 then 2
6,1,8,5,4,3,2,7
6,2,8
7, 8, 2, 1
7. Child Care
8, 2, 1, 5, 6, 3, 4, 7
8. yearly income
8. yearly income
Accommodations
accomodations and income
Accomodations, Yearly Income
activities
Cirricular
Dental
Dental & Vision
Dental & Vision coverage
dental & vision coverage
dental and vision
dental and vision coverage
Dental and vision coverage
Outreach
They are ALL important, I don't know!
Vitality
Vitality

Q. As you were filling out this survey did any other issues or topics come to mind that would fall within the realm of the Student Life Committee of the GSC that you would like us to consider?

Better medical coverage, not vision and dental. Many of us are having children here, and that is a choppy process currently with the DSGHP.

can we please get rid of blitzmail?!?! it's an awful, awful program, looks like some undergrad pulled an allnighter for his senior project - and alas, blitzmail was born! honestly, i cant deal with it, so i dont read the bulletins.

also the fact that you can't view your account (even though registrar and finaid offices can see it), and have to wait for the monthly/bi monthly statement to see the charges - that's also a shame

even though i am not sure how much you can really influence this.

Career fair is absolutely essential for improving the quality of A&S grad program. Need more resources at the career service office.

Cost of attendance for some students... extra scholarships? Emergency funds for student use, dinner parties? Perhaps a GSC blog to post events

could you affect how students are treated by the faculty? probably not. so your energies would be best expended on something tangible, like dental/vision coverage or an increase in stipend money, etc. rather than "activities" or "vitality" or any other nebulous thing. even when poor, we can find things to do and keep ourselves amused and have fun and so on. we can play in a cardboard box or something, this doesn't require much money. but we can't pay rent and other bills without money. so if you can get us some money, great. and i also can't help but suspect that any GSC focus on nebulous things will actually COST us money in the form of increasing that \$50 a year charge to something worse. so quit screwing around and just get us some money. please. thank you.

Definitely access to a retirement plan with contribution from the school

get Dartmouth to kick out cafe north in Kellogg and let a private restaurant open up in there

good job! i'm grateful someone's doing it!

good survey!

I found the idea of meal plan for grad students very attractive.

I heard Girtalk came a year or two ago - could you bring him back pretty please?

I think GSC should be required to have an 'adult learner' and 'professional learner' on the council. Alot of what gets done by GSC has nothing to do with the Grad student who is a working professional parent, possibly doing a grad program mid career.

This type of student, I think you will find, is on the increase nationally. Dartmouth doesn't do a good job, overall, of providing services for or for that matter acknowledging the few of us who attend DC part time for grad school, work, parent, because we have to. Its a real struggle that the college and fellow (traditional) students do not acknowledge.

I think that all grad students are miserable, but Dartmouth grad students are way less miserable than average. I would like to see the Student Life Committee to do some in-depth research about what our peer institutions (small ivies or other small universities) do for their grad students... the last time I checked, we had it really, really good in comparison.

That said: we need a grad student social space, if the building ever gets built.

I'm really totally unaware of what the GSC does, to be honest, so it's difficult for me to say.

It might be nice to have some grad-student-focused meal options on campus. Perhaps this could be achieved through a graduate student meal plan or a discount at the campus dining centers.

it would be better if events were segregated to prevent mixing between tuck/dms and the phd programs.

More integration of partners into the community. Extend health coverage or the ability to purchase health insurance for non married partners. Give partners full access to facilities and events, give them a dartmouth ID. They are here and are part of the community and should get the same level of access as students.

No, but I think it's really important here to remember to pick your battles--there are some things that are addressed in this survey that are unlikely to be fixable/changeable by a grad student entity, especially in this economic climate. There are also some things that are going to vary widely by dept.

No, I really would love it if we were able to get some sort of dental coverage. I think that is a very worthwhile goal.

Please strongly consider advocating for ID cards for the significant others of grad students so that they may use facilities.

The administration of the programs. I went into detail in one of my responses. I find the Dartmouth administration at all levels to be riddled with problems, screw-ups and inefficiencies. THAT's where they should be looking to save some money- they need some Tuck classes to restructure and some TDI classes to improve quality. It simply isn't acceptable.

There is no room for people who own property where they live. Might want to include that in the survey.

Transportation to NYC, i.e. Dartmouth coach.

Use survey monkey--this opening of a web page every time with google is totally inconvenient.

vacation time as one thing that could use definite improvement. I get 20 per year including the holidays (which is basically 1 week of vacation). This sucks! particularly since I loose 2 days just for traveling.

You should just program this survey as a web application. I would be happy to do it for you next year, if you can find me!