



GSC MONTHLY MEETING
January 9, 2006
6pm, Moore Hall, Room 150

Social Report

- **Holiday Party-Wrap up:** went great
- **Winter Formal: (Feb 18):** We may have drink tickets.
- **Ongoing events:** Pool nights are still happening.

Student Activities Fee

Mary explained the main reason why we need to increase the budget, which is that we might lose up to \$5000 if the Center from the Evaluative Clinical Sciences (CECS) decides not to give their student fees to us. Assuming the same number of students, if we lose CECS's funding, we would come out even with the proposed increase of \$5 (should be almost \$5000 added to the budget).

- One concern brought up was the expectation most students will have is that if they are paying more they will expect more in return and activities/functions that will meet their needs. We need to emphasize what we could have if we had the money. Mary and Ian will make a list of potential functions that we do each year and also include which ones we could do with a bigger budget and which ones we would have to cut if our budget is cut.
- Should we try to raise it more-to \$10? Planning events would be easier if we had a larger budget.
- Some people have suggested that they would rather pay for the events individually. However, we would have to put out the money before the event occurs, so we could potentially lose money on events. It would be possible, by careful budgeting, but the GSC, currently, would not be able to handle this. But if the fee increase is rejected, we may have to pursue this avenue.
- It was suggested was to charge by term for those students that graduate half-way through the year. However, budget isn't spread out evenly through the terms and we would need to have a semester of money ahead of time. Scout gave an example: One payment in fall/winter, $\frac{3}{4}$ of the budget is spent in the Fall/Winter. Then the next payment would be spring/summer which would be late for the costs of the fall/winter term.
- The Alcohol policy came up- and we can't sell cups.

- Scout suggested that we have a supplemental meeting to discussing this issue, how we fund ourselves, the increase in the fee, and to allow enough time for reps. to talk to their constituents. A date was not set.
- If it is passed this Feb., it could be implemented by this summer.

Finance Report

- **Funding request by the Chinese Students & Scholars Assn for their new year's festival on the 28th**
 - Scout would like them to publicize/advertised the event better. Erik had suggested to them that they should send a rep. our meeting. Ian posted their last event on the grad bulletin. Scout suggests that we should try to attend the event. They regularly request money, are good about submitting requests, and they do cater well for their group. The group consists of post-doc, undergrads, and grads. It could be a culturally sensitive issue if we do not give them money, because we have consistently given them the money in the past. We have \$3900 left in the budget for student-based activities. We have asked them for the yearly budget, but they never gave us one. It was proposed that we should give a warning letter that we would like a yearly budget and a rep. to show up to the GSC meetings when they submit a funding request. It was also brought that we should change the funding request form:
 - By adding 7: Will you have someone attending to the GSC meeting?
 - Rewording 6 to include whole budget for the event and which portions the GSC the funding.
 - We didn't have quorum, so we couldn't vote on it. We could Fast-track the funding request or vote by e-mail. We decided on an e-mail vote and yes or no vote. Voted on proposed amounts to fund:

\$400	3-#	voted for the amount
\$350	7	
\$300	3	
 - We will also be sending a strongly worded e-mail to the Chinese Students and Scholars Association suggesting that they send a representative to the GSC meeting when they submit a request and to do a better job advertising their events to graduate students: This letter will also be approved via e-mail and will be kept on record.
- **Erik handed out a brief budget review report which looked great.**

Approve the revised 2006 membership representation seats for each dept.

Ian explained that William and the Executive committee felt we needed to update the list. A subcommittee met and came up with new numbers based on the constitutional law. There was a request that the e-mail containing the changes should go out as soon as possible. Scout was originally planning on only sending it to departments where the numbers don't match up or there are not enough representatives. The question came up

whether departments could have alternatives for representatives. Most felt that it should be allowed, but we just need them to be identified.

Constitution Revisions-vote on changes in:

Section III. Membership and Voting Privileges (to include Thayer representation in Constitution)

We couldn't vote on them tonight, because we didn't have quorum. Ian explained that it is a small change in membership and voting section which adds the Thayer professional school.

Ivy Grad Summit Proposal

- The proposal is still in the works. We will try to get out by the end of this week.

Open Agenda

- Subcouncil of research computing would like a grad student to serve on the council. Nobody was interested.
- Scout ask if people would like pizza again- most people want pizza at the next meeting.
- Other issues:
 - Graduate appreciation week: April, poster section, GSC sponsored events, no lunch. Professional development. Friday night pizza. Next, month we will talk about the plans.
 - It would be nice to attach a copy of the agenda to the e-mail reminder for the next meeting.