

GSC General Meeting October 4th, 2011

Rockefeller Center, 1930s room 6:00 pm

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UPDATES AND REVIEWS

PRESIDENT REPORT (Wesley Whitaker)

VOTE: Agenda unanimously approved

Orientation recap

- First year dinner
 - Food came late (ordered from Stinsons)
 - Activities fair at the event
 - After dinner was served we had a Dartmouth-related trivia game. Gift certificates to CO-Op to purchase GSAS t-shirts were given out
- President Kim Reception—for first years
 - Welcome by President Kim, Dean Pogue, and Wesley Whitaker
- BEMA aka Wellies Semiformal
 - Tent was humid
 - Campus safety asked people not to bring drinks outside of the tent
- Outreach Update
 - Science fair mentoring outreach program with Windsor High School. Vermont State Science fair
 - Food drive for Hurricane Irene
 - Guest Speakers
 - Cindy Tobery (DCAL) and Nancy Serrell (Outreach)
 - Academic outreach centered around science. Mostly, support people with teaching around campus. Training workshops on teaching and communicating your research.
 - School science cafes- Gathering in pubs, people can discuss science.
 - Graduate poster sessions at high schools
 - Office of outreach website. DCAL website
 - Laura Sheldon (UV Haven)
 - Homeless shelter in WRJ

- Need volunteer support to provide their services
 - 24:1 volunteer : staff ratio
 - Community services
 - Busiest part of the Haven
 - Serve people with food, clothing, and books
 - ~900 families/month using the food shelf. Need volunteers to serve people
 - Outreach case management
 - Shelter services
 - Educational and enrichment opportunities
 - Website: uppervalleyhaven.org
 - Application online
 - Flexible scheduling
- PhD movie
 - Filene Auditorium in More Hall Oct 12/Oct 14 showings
 - Too expensive to have the director of PhD comics come speak at the event
- Blitz transition
 - Grad students will be transitioned to the new blitz email system the last week of October.
- Dept Rep elections
 - Electronic elections
 - Asking for nominations now
 - Nominees will be asked to write campaign blurbs to be distributed to their departments and posted on the GSC website and in the gazetteer.
- GSC reimbursement
 - Financial system getting renovated.
 - Finance center on Dartmouth website
 - Arts and Sciences business expense form instructions posted
 - Have credited to the GSC
 - No paper copies
- Graduate Student Space

- Proposal has been submitted to the Provost—mimicked off of “One Wheelock”
- Ivy Summit at MIT
 - Members of the GSC executive board from colleges in the IVY league + MIT meet to talk about their student governments and student issues. Discuss how to improve social events and student/academic life for graduate students. First weekend of November.

LANDERS REPORT (Kerry Landers)

- A+S Graduate career program announcements
- Thayer career Fair coming up
- Dream Team Trivia Challenge
- More stories on the grad news forum
- NSF workshop is coming up

ACTIVITIES REPORT (Ana Draghici and Jeremy Fitzpatrick)

Wellie semiformal

- Needed more volunteers

Halloween party

- Volunteer sign up sheet passed around
- Alumni hall has been booked for over a year
- Will be at the DOC house the Saturday prior to Halloween

GSAC REPORT (Erin O’Flaherty)

- First tailgate series for Upenn was well attended
- Bowl-a-thon
 - Night of free bowling fundraiser. Proceeds go to different outreach charities. Some time in November
- Apple picking
 - This Saturday at Poverty lane orchards
 - Subsidize apples
 - Signup on google docs
- Contra dancing in Norwich

SOCIAL REPORT (Marie Onakomaiya)

- Student life survey has been completed. ~200 people responded.
 - Will analyze the results from this to better serve the graduate students, and improve academic and social life
 - Will have raffles for people that filled out the survey. Tickets to the Nugget
- Graduate Relief Team
 - Day of Caring this past Saturday
 - Assigned to Enfield to make scarecrows to put around the town.
 - Helped with gardening. Efforts to help “clean up” the community
 - Blitz the GSC account if you are interested in volunteering for the graduate relief team

NP REPORT (Regina Salvat)

- Homecoming
 - Grad students will be in the homecoming parade
 - Homecoming will be catered by Stinsons. Will have a keg.
- Pumpkin carving contest
 - Before the Halloween dance. Will vote on pumpkins at the dance

ACADEMIC REPORT (Julia Bradley-Cook)

- Travel grants
 - Deadline for the Fall travel grant is November 15th. Need volunteers to help review the application
- Externship day
 - Graduate students shadow alumni for a day
 - Need approval from the Dean
- Career Fair
 - Some places not interested in graduate students. Others were interested in hiring graduate students
 - Not many opportunities for MALS students
 - Mainly consulting and business opportunities
 - There was a check-in table for graduate students

ACTION ITEMS

- Vote: September Meeting Minutes: **Unanimously approved**
- Vote: Shanti Funding Request. Diwali Festival. Requesting \$600
Unanimously approved
- Vote: CSSA funding request. Want to bring guest lecturer to Dartmouth. Lectures on traditional Tibetan Medicine for the Western World. Need GSC approval for space. Vote to provide sponsorship upon approval from Kerry Landers. **Approved.**
- Vote: 2011-12 budget
 - Clubs receiving block funding will also be allowed to submit regular funding requests if they go over budget. Have a student-based activities general budget of \$4,396 that groups can pull from to hold more events pending GSC approval.
Approved.

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